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Jailed teen tried to kill foster mum

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A FOSTER mother awoke to a nightmare scene and had to 'fight for her life' after a teenager she was looking after tried to stab her to death.

Described as a 'violent and dangerous individual' the 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has been jailed for 14 years for the attempted murder of the woman.

The victim, a 58-year-old woman who also cannot be named, was asleep in the living room of her home just outside Stony Stratford at around 2am on October 26, 2011.

But she then woke up to the terrifying sight of a figure kneeling over her with a knife in his hand.

She instinctively put her hands up and grabbed the blade to try to stop the offender from stabbing her in the throat.

A struggle over the blade ensued, during which the woman suffered severe injuries to her hands and was bleeding profusely.

> This was an horrendous attack on a defenceless woman in her own home...she fought for her life that evening
>
> **– Det Con Phil Ince**

She managed to get upright and screamed, before the teen fled the scene.

Det Con Phil Ince said: "I was the investigating officer in this horrendous attack on a defenceless woman in her own home.

"She fought for her life that evening and she bears the scars, both mental and physical, which bear testament to the fact this was a concerted effort to take her life."

After he escaped, the teen was arrested by two security officers.

And on Friday at Aylesbury Crown Court, sitting at Amersham Law Courts, he received the lengthy jail term.

DC Ince added: "The offender is a violent and dangerous individual and I am delighted that Judge Lord Parmoor recognised that fact by handing down a 14-year prison sentence.

"The victim is delighted with the result and is very keen to move on with her life and continue in fostering children, which she describes as 'her life'.

"The victim would like to thank the witnesses, the police and the Crown Prosecution Service for all their hard work. We also need to thank the two security officers for arresting the perpetrator after he escaped."

Dons target Wembley glory for John

DONS now have an extra incentive to claim promotion glory at Wembley – to ensure that football legend John Gorman gets the perfect send off.

The club's assistant manager has announced that he will retire at the end of the season following an astonishing 44 years in the game.

Now, the club are desperate to give the 62-year-old, regarded as one of the nicest men in football, a fairytale finish by clinching promotion to the Championship via the play-offs.

Manager Karl Robinson said of his number two: "I want him to retire at Wembley with a medal around his neck."

Scotsman Gorman enjoyed a successful playing career before moving into coaching and has had roles with a number of teams including Tottenham and England.

He forged a new managerial team with Robinson two years ago and told MK NEWS he'd been considering hanging up his coaching boots for a while.

With health issues starting to take their toll, Gorman, who pens a weekly column for this paper, feels that if he can't do the job to its full capacity then it's time to go.

"I feel that the time is right," he said. "I was asked to stay on a part-time basis but if I'm going to do a job I'm going to do it right, it's all or nothing and I want to do myself justice.

"Winning at Wembley would be a lovely way to finish. You can't count on it, but I'm going to give it my damnedest."

Brought in to provide experience to compliment Robinson's youth, Gorman said he takes most pride from the vast number of players he has coached who have gone on to play at a higher level.

Robinson said: "I firmly believe he has made me a better coach and manager. He is a legend in the game and I have been privileged enough to work with him."

Dons chairman Pete Winkelman added: "Wembley would be the most fitting tribute to John and his career."

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Curbing anti-social behaviour

POLICE are cracking down on anti-social behaviour in a city estate.

A dispersal order allowing them to break up groups of two people or more causing trouble in Netherfield will come into operation on Monday.

The order will focus on the shopping centre in Farthing Grove where people congregate.

Jannette Bobey from the Netherfield Residents' Association said: "The main issue is drunk men in their 30s and 40s and people who go and collect their methadone from the chemist.

"I don't find them intimidating myself but people have come to us and said that they do."

The order will allow officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to move groups of people away from the designated area and order them not to return within 24 hours.

Unsupervised youths under the age of 16 can be returned home by officers or taken to a suitable place if they are out between 9pm and 6am and behaving antisocially.

Dermot has final word on uncle's life

THE nephew of computer pioneer Alan Turing has appeared at a special event to mark 100 years since his birth.

On Monday, Dermot Turing appeared at the Mansion House at Bletchley Park, where Alan Turing was based during the Second World War, to read extracts from a biography of his uncle.

The biography, called Alan M Turing and written by Alan's mother Sara, is being republished as a special centenary edition. In the updated version, Dermot has written a unique afterword which features in the book for the first time.

Turing would have turned 100 on June 23.

Lead and car parts taken in metal thefts

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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METAL thieves are continuing to wreak havoc across the city.

Eleven properties have been hit in the past two weeks alone, including lead stolen from a charity shop in Bletchley, an education centre in Galley Hill and a youth offending team building in Fenny Stratford.

Meanwhile, one business in Redmoor had 31 catalytic converters stolen from transit vans in just two days, between April 7 and 9.

Mike Jarvis runs SG Recovery in Fenny Stratford, which scraps vehicles. He said catalytic converters are so popular among thieves as they contain platinum.

He said: "Platinum is about £38 a gram, which is quite a lot of money.

"The money you can get from catalytic converters ranges from £4 to £350 - out of a transit van you're looking at about £150 for scrap."

He added that he has around eight break-ins a year by people looking to steal metal for scrap.

DI Mark Glover is leading the fightback - Operation Precious - in Milton Keynes.

He said: "If you see people removing car parts, metal or cable, particularly at an unusual time, do not assume they are doing so legitimately just because they are wearing a high-visibility jacket."

Anyone with concerns should call Thames Valley Police on 101.

Cycling challenge for cancer charity

A BRAVE resident is getting on her bike after surviving bowel cancer.

Eleanor Harwood, from Stony Stratford, is riding 40km in Cycletta Bedfordshire at Woburn Abbey on May 13 as part of her year of fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Ms Harwood was introduced to Macmillan when she was diagnosed with bowel cancer in June 2010.

She said: "I was a little unsure how it would feel cycling after my surgery for bowel cancer.

"Doing a challenge like Cycletta is all part of enjoying life again. I am really looking forward to the day itself."

The charity provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support for people diagnosed with cancer and their families.

They are the main sponsors of the Cycletta, which is a unique series of women-only, mass-participation cycle events taking place in six areas in the country.

To sponsor Ms Harwood visit www.justgiving.com/year-for-macmillan.

Tragedy: Sandra Harrison-Moore lost her life at Goodwood on Saturday

Crash claims life of city race driver

BY DAN PALMER
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A CITY racing driver tragically lost her life on Saturday after a crash at the famous Goodwood circuit.

The family of 37-year-old Sandra Harrison-Moore said in a statement that she would leave a 'huge gap' in their lives following the accident on the West Sussex track.

The Woburn Sands resident was taking part in a time trial event in her Caterham-type sports car when she lost control coming out of the last bend.

She collided with a tyre wall and was airlifted to Southampton General Hospital with serious head injuries, where she died at 10.10pm on the same day.

It's the second racing tragedy to strike the city in recent months after the death of Emberton's IndyCar champion Dan Wheldon in Las Vegas last October.

The family statement said that the motorsports enthusiast, who worked as a stroke clinical specialist based at Bletchley Community Hospital, was a special person who would be much missed.

Cathy Walker, managing director of Sandra's employer Milton Keynes Community Health Services (MKCHS), also paid tribute.

She said: "Sandra was a valued colleague and friend to many people. She had worked here for almost 11 years and was an asset to MKCHS both for her work and for her great personality."

The event was held under the auspices of the Motor Sports Association, which said the time trials have an 'excellent safety record'. It is now investigating the incident with Sussex police.

Inspector Phil Nicholas said: "This appears to have been a tragic crash during a regular time trial event and our thoughts go to the victim's family, who were with her when she died."

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Flasher in bushes

A MAN is being sought after he hid in bushes and flashed a 60-year-old dog walker on The Leys, Whalley Drive, Bletchley, on Thursday at around 5.15pm. The man is black, possibly Somalian, in his 20s or 30s, around 5ft 6ins and slender. He had very short black afro hair, was clean shaven and wearing dark clothing. Anyone with information should call 101.

Square nearly finished

THE development of Station Square outside Milton Keynes Central railway station is moving into its final phase. Two-way traffic will be maintained, but traffic management will be in place to facilitate the works.

Election results online

WITH a third of Milton Keynes Council's seats up for election tomorrow, make sure to stay on top of all the results on Friday at www.mk-news.co.uk, or follow @thisismknews on Twitter.

Probation boss retires

THE chief executive of Thames Valley Probation has retired. Gerry Marshall, 60, has helped the area's probation service achieve a five-star status from the British Quality Foundation.

Motorists' safety fear for M1

DRIVERS have voiced concern after two fatal collisions on the same stretch of road in two weeks.

The first incident occurred on April 12 when a lorry driver died following a three vehicle collision on the southbound carriageway of the M1 between junctions 13 and 14. The second happened just 14 days later, killing two people.

Residents in Milton Keynes who regularly drive along this stretch of the busy motorway are urging the Highways Agency to investigate.

Dawn Brightman, 28, of Sherington Road in Newport Pagnell, said: "Any crash is concerning but two in such a short space of time rings alarm bells.

"I want official bodies to do something about it. I use the M1 every weekend and I'm very concerned about the safety, it's too risky just to call it a coincidence."

However, the Highways Agency explained two fatal collisions does not qualify an investigation.

A spokesman said: "Our sympathy is with the family and friends of the people involved in the recent fatalities.

"Safety is our top priority and we constantly strive to reduce injuries. As always, we will work with the police where needed on the detailed circumstances of the recent incidents but we are unable to comment further at this stage."

PM cancels Bletchley visit

THE Prime Minister cancelled a visit to the city on Monday.

David Cameron was due to give a speech at Bletchley Park as part of an event organised for the Conservative local election campaign. But at the last minute he had to cancel to answer an 'urgent' question from Labour leader Ed Miliband.

That meant Mr Cameron had to remain at Westminster to answer the question in the House of Commons as the speaker of the house had allowed it to be asked.

Mr Miliband wanted to know whether Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt would be referred to an independent inquiry over his dealings with News Corporation.

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Sad iconic landmark may be demolished

SIR - It is with great sadness to hear in your paper that the owners of The Point, Hammerson, have submitted a scoping application to Milton Keynes Council to start a consultation process to possibly demolish the site and make way for retail units ('The Point tipped to be knocked down', MK NEWS, April 25).

This is especially sad when The Point could be included on a Local List of important city heritage sites ('A landmark plan for our city heritage', MK NEWS, April 18).

The cinema complex first run by AMC was the first multiplex in the country and another reason to preserve a part of local and national history.

While I believe in progress and ensuring businesses are not put off investing in Milton Keynes due to a lack of suitable premises or the possibility of extending their operations, there does need to be protection of our iconic buildings so they can be preserved for future generations to appreciate and be proud of.

thecentre:mk is a case in point as it is protected by English Heritage and yet is still a thriving regional centre, why cannot the same be for The Point?

We seem to have a mentality in Milton Keynes of once a building has served its purpose it gets demolished, instead of adapting a site and modernising it internally for another use.

Walking past The Point recently it looks so down at heel, even the red lighting around the building which was seen for miles around years ago has gone.

The site has a youth club and a charity shop and the cinema is still going (which I still use on a regular basis and much prefer to Cineworld in the Xscape) so why not simply modernise it and design the space internally for these extra retail units Hammerson want to introduce?

I myself have some great memories of the place attending the opening night in 1985 and watching my first film there called The Goonies. Going to the nightclub, drinking in the various bars and attending film premieres such as Inner Space in aid of Children In Need in 1988, Rocky IV in aid of the Milton Keynes Hospital Scanner Appeal in 1989 and the first royal premiere to be held outside of London, attended by the then Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson in aid of the McIntyre Trust, in 1990.

I also remember attending the opening night of the Talk of The Town jazz bar and restaurant.

It would be great to put The Point back on the map again and make it a great centre of entertainment, so for those of you like me who remember the halcyon days of The Point let's get together and fight to keep this iconic building. I'm up for the challenge, is anyone else?
Brian Barton
Heelands

SIR - It's really sad to see a perfectly good building and an iconic landmark to Milton Keynes being considered for demolition just to make more shopping space.

I'm sure it would be cheaper if the owners were to utilise the space in a more cost effective way.
Kris Crane
Sent by e-mail

SIR - What a tragedy.

This building is being used by many young people. It is also a local landmark and part of the heritage of Milton Keynes.

It should be restored and maintained.
Sheila Jenkins
Sent by e-mail

SIR - It is quite obvious that The Point has been allowed to quietly decay for some time to make it attractive for redevelopment.

Given that it was the first multiplex cinema in the country (and actually restarted the concept of cinema-going) it should be listed quickly and restored to its former glory.

If it is demolished, we are destroying the history of tomorrow.
Charley Ashbury
Sent by e-mail

SIR - The Point was the first iconic building in Milton Keynes and should not be demolished.

Having worked and played in Milton Keynes in the 1980s I have fond memories of The Point.
Lesley Stapleton
Sent by e-mail

SIR - I work in the cinema behind The Point and I am disgusted at the plans to knock it down.

It could very easily be reopened and brought back to its former glory, but the owners would rather get rid of it.

The Point is not only a noticeable place in the centre of Milton Keynes, but it is a place to meet, hang out and somewhere where you know you are in the city.

I feel that The Point is a historic place in the city and the inside could easily be redeveloped.

The Point needs to stay in Milton Keynes. If it goes then so does the heart of the city.
Paul Tibble
Sent by e-mail

SIR - I was sorry to read that The Point may be knocked down.

Instead of pulling it down would it not be possible to refurbish it? It seems such a shame to destroy this building.
Mrs P M Baker
Netherfield

At The Point where building should go

SIR - While The Point most definitely represents an iconic landmark of the young city's heritage, it has now come to be no more than an example of some of the early mistakes.

It showed the limited ambition of some of the early architecture that dated so soon and which so nearly left us with the concrete legacy of other new towns such as Stevenage.

The Point now looks tatty, out of place and 'less-than-awesome' and ought not to be the benchmark for future planning.

So long as its replacement suitably fills all the required criteria, then I for one would have no issues with its removal.
Nick Connolly
Sent by e-mail

SIR - I have lived here for nearly 40 years and I love Milton Keynes, but I say knock this building down.

It's not that good looking and we must keep MK looking new and fresh.
David Box
Sent by e-mail

SIR - Having lived in Milton Keynes for more than 20 years, I can remember fondly the Saturday kids' club at the UCI cinema where me and my sister were weekly customers.

I'm 26 now and have seen the building fall prey to neglect, being taken over and dropped over and over.

I think it's time The Point hung up its shoes and said farewell. It's beyond saving in my opinion.

I fully back the destruction of The Point to make way for (in theory) more attractive and useable retail buildings.
Elizabeth Cook
Sent by e-mail

SIR - The Point – it was great during its time and I loved it, but it has had its day. Get rid of it.

With regards to putting the concrete cows on a Local List, it irritates me that 'outsiders' know MK for roundabouts and concrete cows, when it has so much more to offer. The cows belong in a museum, not stuck in a field creating this negative perception.
Graham Waddington
Sent by e-mail

Protect our heritage

SIR - Recent letters to your postbag indicate a welcome interest in Milton Keynes Council's new Local Listing scheme for buildings and structures.

I would encourage MK residents to look about them and suggest buildings that they consider ought to be protected because either of their intrinsic design or because they help to tell the new heritage story of the evolution of our city.

It is great that thecentre:mk is now a nationally listed building but getting it to be so recognised would have been easier if it had been on a Local List of buildings of merit.

Your edition last week with the story about The Point being under threat of demolition raises the interesting question of it being a locally listed building - what do we think about that?

Likewise, what about the proposed demolition of Cofferidge Close - do we think, as I do, that it too ought to be seen as a building of merit and therefore retained for future generations to enjoy? These are just two examples but many more exist around our city, we just need to seek them out.
Mike O'Sullivan
Stony Stratford

SIR - I fully support the initiative of the conservation and archaeology team at Milton Keynes Council, which suggested that compiling a Local List might be an appropriate mechanism to take account of the distinctive character of the city.

This is long overdue and it would contribute significantly to the appreciation of the special features of Milton Keynes that for some time have perhaps been unrecognised, unappreciated and under threat.

Local Listing allows communities to articulate the distinctiveness of our unique cityscape, buildings and artworks, which will provide clear and comprehensive information about the importance of our recent but historic environment

A Local List for Milton Keynes will play a vital part in recognising and celebrating the value of our local heritage and should be designed to encourage local residents to identify important assets in their area, which they can then suggest be designated through Local Listing process.
David Stabler
Sent by e-mail

SIR - Recognising landmarks around Milton Keynes sounds like a good idea, but to create a Local List is wrong.

However well meaning there will be long standing consequences, irrespective of the intention.

We already have listed buildings and conservation areas and there are mechanisms in place to protect those worthy of protection.

The reality is that a list will create nothing more than another level of bureaucracy that will stifle and restrict development.

Document the landmarks, do not list them; it's unnecessary.
Alistair McIntyre
Sent by e-mail

■ *For more on The Point see the next page*

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Stars have time of their lives on the pink carpet

THE moment women in Milton Keynes have been waiting for has finally arrived as the cast of the hit musical Dirty Dancing arrived in the city yesterday.

Prepare to swoon as Paul-Michael Jones dons his leather jacket and takes to the stage as heart-throb Johnny Castle.

Completing one of the most iconic couples in cinematic history is Emily Holt, who will be carrying the watermelon as Baby Houseman.

Not even the gloomy weather could dampen spirits as the hottest couple in town took to the pink carpet at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Demand for tickets has been phenomenal and Dirty Dancing is tipped to smash box office records at the theatre, so if you want to experience the show make sure you get your ticket.

Exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensationally sexy dancing, the show promises to be a performance you will never forget.

■ To read a review, see MK LIFE from page 37.

Dirty dancers: Paul-Michael Jones (Johnny Castle) and Charlotte Gooch (Penny Johnson) arrive at MK Theatre yesterday

Residents ask to protect The Point

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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DESPITE public outcry to save one of the city's most iconic landmarks, its owners are standing by their plans to tear it down.

MK NEWS exclusively revealed last week that Hammerson, which owns The Point, has submitted a scoping application to Milton Keynes Council, which precedes a full planning application for a development over 10,000sq ft.

Now residents have come out in support of the red pyramid-shaped structure in Midsummer Boulevard, which was home to the UK's first multiplex cinema.

Cassandra Edwards, 37, of Clay Hill in Two Mile Ash, said: "The Point holds a lot of childhood memories for me. It's been a real shame to see it deteriorate over the years. I have two little girls and I'd love to see it renovated and become a place where they could build memories too. To tear it down would be such a waste."

Hammerson claims it has struggled to let the existing space and believes the new units will better suit modern retailers' requirements.

A spokesman said: "Hammerson has continually evaluated the sustainable future of the site. Despite ongoing dialogue with operators and retailers interest in the existing premises has been minimal."

But shoppers in the city have said that more retail space is not an acceptable replacement for the local landmark, which was the tallest building in Milton Keynes when it was built in 1985.

Martin Warden, 68, of Farmborough in Netherfield, said: "There is no need for more retail space, people from outside the town are making decisions about an area they know nothing about.

"The Point needs tender loving care not bulldozing."

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New police info system

THAMES Valley Police has a new text, call and e-mail system for updating people on crime and policing. To sign up, go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/.

Pharmacy openings

REMEMBER to check the opening times of your pharmacy this bank holiday at www.mk-news.co.uk.

Managing director

MK NEWS would like to point out the managing director of Mercedes-Benz Milton Keynes is Warren Brearley, not Simon Oldfield as previously reported. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Hospital staff arrested

THREE hospital workers have been arrested on suspicion of robbery after patients' possessions went missing.

Thames Valley Police confirmed that it is investigating a robbery at the hospital at the weekend, and that a 43-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man, both from Milton Keynes, have been arrested and bailed to reappear at MK police station on Monday.

A 56-year-old woman has also been arrested and bailed, to reappear with police on Tuesday.

Darren Leech, chief operating officer at MK Hospital, said: "This is completely unacceptable and we are taking immediate action.

"We have informed the police and are working closely with them. Investigations are ongoing. As part of these investigations, three staff members have been arrested and bailed.

"We would like to say sorry to the patients who have had items taken from them and the distress caused to them and to their families. We can reassure patients that we are working hard to secure the return of these items and will assist the police in ensuring that those responsible are held accountable. Any staff suspected of involvement will be suspended while investigations are carried out and disciplinary action will be taken against any staff found to be involved."

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Clampdown on dangerous drivers

TWENTY-THREE motorists were offered road safety courses after being stopped for seatbelt and mobile phone offences.

The roads policing department carried out checks in V4 Watling Street, Fenny Stratford, between 8 and 9.15am on Friday.

A total of 18 drivers and passengers were stopped for not wearing seatbelts and were offered a Seatbelt First internet course. Five others were stopped for using their mobile phones while driving and were offered a Call Divert internet course.

One driver had his vehicle seized for having no insurance and driving unsupervised with a provisional licence. He will be summoned to court.

The courses are an alternative to fines, which are £60 for not wearing a seatbelt and £60 and three penalty points for using a mobile phone while driving.

The penalty can be substantially higher if taken to court.

Sgt Simon Hills, from the roads policing unit, said: "It's clear a small number of vehicle occupants still flout the laws and put either themselves or others in danger while using the roads.

"The cost to the public purse of a fatal collision is potentially hundreds of thousands of pounds. The cost to the families of those lost is immeasurable."

He added they will be carrying out more road checks around the city.

Angry: Protesters campaigning against plans to expand Midsummer Place on Friday

Calls for centre to Xplain its scheme

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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PROTESTERS angered by plans for a multi-million pound expansion at Midsummer Place held a demonstration outside the shopping centre on Friday.

Pressure group Xplain led the protest against plans to build two shops between the Hollister and Gap stores as part of the £15 million scheme.

In the original plans an 80-year covenant was placed on the middle section of the building, which allows for the possibility of an environmentally friendly transport link.

Xplain member, David Stabler, said: "It might seem like a long time but transport is changing rapidly. You only have to look at airplanes, in 1903 the Wright brothers facilitated the first flight and 73 years later concord was taking off with 100 passengers.

"When permission was given to close off access to transport the consolation was that a covenant would be placed on it for transport development. This doesn't have to be at ground level it can be overhead."

The owners of the shopping centre, Legal and General, held an open exhibition on Friday and Saturday.

Adrian Morrow, an architect based in Milton Keynes, said: "I am in total support of Xplain, this is not an appropriate area to build more shops. There are other more suitable areas in Milton Keynes."

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Mums mini marathon

MUMS in Stoke Goldington braved the wet weather on Sunday for their light version of the Milton Keynes marathon.

The group ran in a 5km loop around the village to raise money for the pre-school, alongside its mascot Goldie the Cow.

Shelter's anniversary

HULA Animal Rescue is celebrating its 40th anniversary on May 13.

To mark the occasion it is hosting an open day with lots of doggie treats. For more information visit www.hularescue.org.

Firm supports food bank

PILES of food have been collected by generous staff at a city office to donate to Milton Keynes Food Bank.

Retail Merchant Services in North Fourth Street collected more than £200 worth of food and donated at least 20 boxes of food last month.

The company wanted to show its commitment to residents by helping a charity that provides local people with essential food supplies.

Lee Knight, head of marketing and public relations, said: "All our staff live locally so we choose a local charity every year rather than a national one. It's something our staff really care about."

The food bank will also benefit from the company's good will throughout the year with dress-down days held in the office once a month.

Mr Knight said: "Staff can donate £1 to the dress-down days, or the equivalent in food.

"The local food bank inspired us all and brought home to us the reality that local people, in our own city, are hungry and vulnerable, particularly in a climate where it is difficult to find employment.

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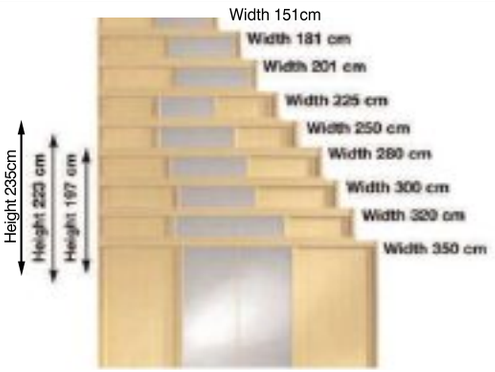

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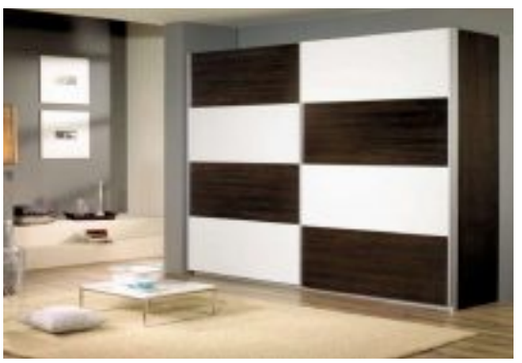

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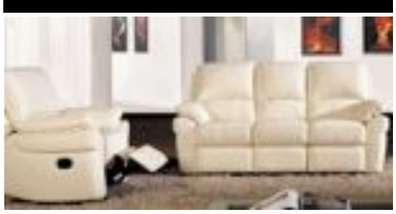

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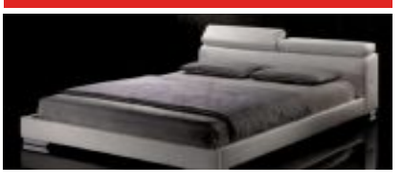

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Car thief jailed for running over a PC

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A POLICE officer thought he was going to die after being hit by a stolen taxi, a court was told.

On Thursday, the driver of a stolen minicab was jailed for seven years and three months after admitting grievous bodily harm with intent after running down PC Stephen Leathersich on New Year's Day.

Dale Whiteside, 31, of Pinders Croft, Greenleys, along with accomplice Ashley Barber, 29, of Carron Court, Bletchley, stole the Volkswagen Passat from Stony Stratford in the early hours that day. Whiteside punched cabbie Abaid Urrehman after he told him and Barber he couldn't take them and their partners home.

Barber also threatened Mr Urrehman with a knife, although no weapon was ever recovered, before the cabbie climbed out and the group got into the car, with Whiteside driving.

Police were called and PC Leathersich and a colleague were tasked with helping to find the stolen car. When they found the taxi in Greenleys, the officers found themselves in a high-speed pursuit as Whiteside tried to flee. When the taxi eventually stopped, two unknown men got out the back and ran off.

Jailed: Dale Whiteside, *left,* and Ashley Barber

In scenes captured on a mounted camera on the marked police car, PC Leathersich went over and reached inside to arrest the driver, but Whiteside reversed the car, spinning the officer around with his arm trapped in the door.

PC Leathersich was then crushed between the open cab door and his own police car before Whiteside ran over his legs and sped away. He suffered a fractured hip, four broken ribs and severe grazes and was unable to return to full police duties.

John Causer, prosecuting, said: "PC Leathersich thought he would die."

Whiteside and Barber both admitted blackmail and aggravated vehicle taking - both offences related to taking the taxi.

They each received 21 months in jail for blackmail and nine months for aggravated vehicle taking. All sentences will run concurrently.

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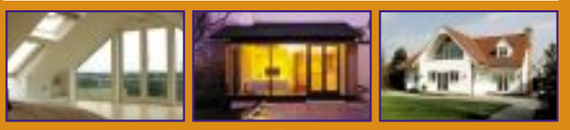

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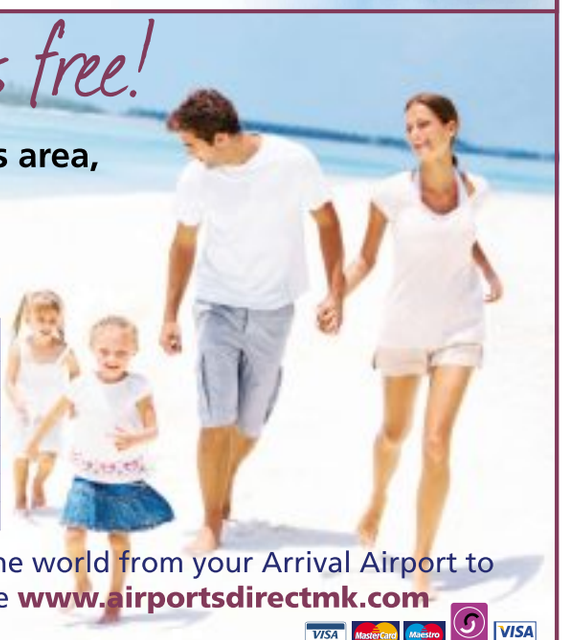

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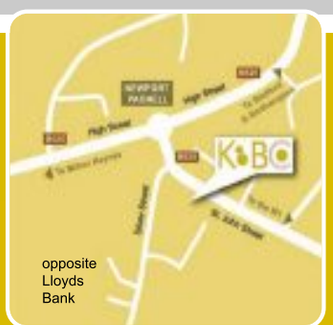

New site's royal sale of approval

Grand opening: The updated Aston Martin Works

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE grand opening of an updated heritage site is taking place this week - as it gears up for an auction of a royal's car.

The new Aston Martin Works, at the car maker's historic Newport Pagnell site, is having a big opening tomorrow that includes the mayor of Milton Keynes, Alan Richards.

The car servicing facility at the Tickford Street site has been modernised and there is a new Aston Martin dealership showroom.

And on May 19, an Aston Martin once used by HRH the Prince of Wales is to be sold at auction there.

The 1994 Virage Volante, a 6.3-litre convertible, is to be sold by Bonhams auctioneers.

Described by Fast Lane magazine as the 'most aristocratic of convertibles', the soft-top has attracted a pre-sale estimate of £50,000 to £70,000.

Having debuted at the Geneva Motor Show in 1991 and owned from new by Aston Martin Lagonda Ltd, it was used by Prince Charles until 2007/8.

Since then it has been on display at Aston Martin's headquarters at Gaydon, near Warwick.

Renowned for his love of Aston Martins, Prince Charles is best known for owning a DB6 MKII, given to him by the Queen for his 21st birthday.

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Memorial event set for school's founder

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A 'FANTASTIC' and 'hugely generous' former headteacher will be remembered by pupils past and present at a special event next week.

A memorial has been organised for Geoff Cooksey on Tuesday evening, which will involve presentations by former students and those who worked with him.

There will also be video tributes to him, as well as performances by the Living Archive Band.

Mr Cooksey was the pioneering founder of Stantonbury Campus - the first purpose-built comprehensive school for Milton Keynes. He died on March 23, aged 86.

Known for what were then considered outlandish principles, students to the new school were not required to wear uniform and teachers were called by their first names.

Event co-organiser Roy Nevitt was a fellow original director, of drama and theatre.

He said: "He was fantastic to work with, a hugely generous man - his office door was always open.

Unconventional: Geoff Cooksey

"He was really open, unconventional, full of good humour, full of trust.

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Road closed: Flooding in Little Linford Lane in Newport Pagnell, where a driver got stuck in his car yesterday

Man stuck in car in floods

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A WARNING to prepare for floods was sent out to many borough residents this week.

And it came as a man had to be rescued from his car after getting stuck in high water.

As the wettest April in 100 years signed off with a wet and stormy bang, a flood warning was issued for Newport Pagnell, which sits on the rivers Ouse and Ouzel.

Residents there were advised to ensure they, their pets and valuables were in a safe place, to turn off gas, water and electricity, and put flood protection in place where available.

Meanwhile, three fire crews, including the water safety crew from Newport Pagnell, rescued a man from his car yesterday, which had become stuck in Little Linford Lane.

The man, who was travelling from Northampton to the city, attempted to drive along the flood-hit road despite signs saying it was closed.

He became stuck in water about three feet deep, as the car wouldn't start and water started to seep in.

Firefighters managed to get him out and rescued him using an inflatable sled.

Elsewhere, two trees were blown over at the weekend, in Broughton and in Woolstone, and tiles were blown off the roof of a shop in Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford.

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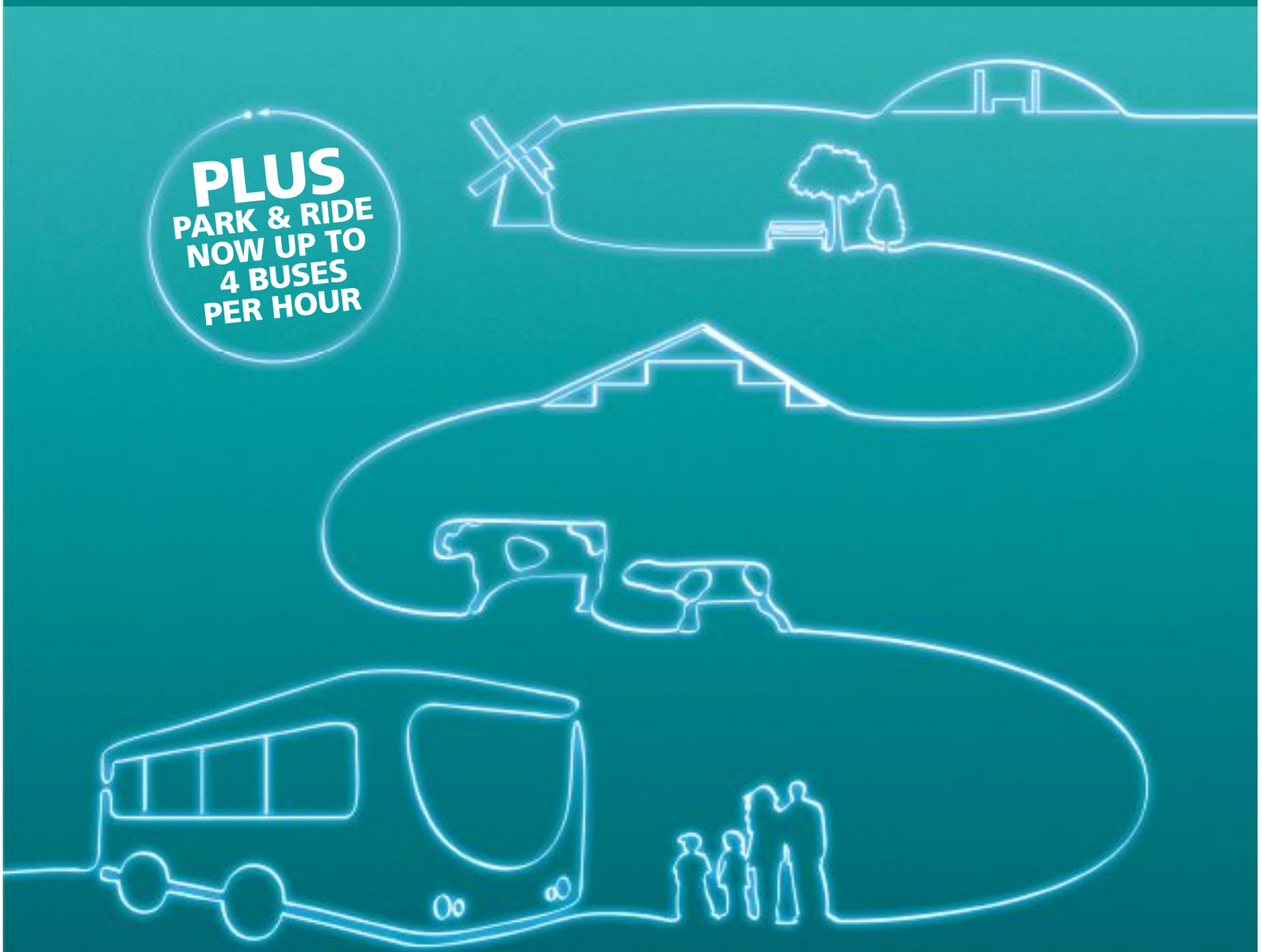

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City tops poll for first-time buyers

Opening doors: Hilary Harman from Taylors

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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WE ARE living in a haven for first-time house buyers.

That's according to new research that puts Milton Keynes at the top of a UK-wide poll.

According to Experian PropertyCheck, an online service that provides property valuations, first-time buyers in the UK have been flocking to Milton Keynes, where they make up almost one in ten households at 9.5 per cent.

Nearby Aylesbury comes tenth in the poll, with 6.9 per cent of households being first-time buyers.

A notable similarity between the whole top ten is that they are all a commutable distance from London.

Hilary Harman is the area manager for land and new homes with Taylors estate agents, based in CMK.

She said: "The main thing is that we've got a lot of new builds here.

"There are lots of current incentives offering discounts to first-time buyers and they only apply to new builds, not second-hand homes.

"So the majority of first-time buyers without much to spend on a deposit would go for a new build, where they might only need to pay a five per cent deposit, as opposed to ten per cent for a second-hand property.

"We've also got a lot of businesses moving here, it's a very trendy town with lots going on.

"We've got a lot of people who perhaps rent first, then decide to buy."

The Experian research points to other factors affecting the stats, such as Milton Keynes' young population, with 62 per cent of residents under the age of 44, and a large influx of people to the city since 2007.

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Film group's tale is streets ahead

BY DAN PALMER
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A FILM about Olympic dreams – made by a city group for adults with learning difficulties – has made it through to the final of a top local festival.

The movie masters from Haddon Projects are celebrating after a special version of Haddon Street, the online soap they create, was recognised by the judges of Short Cuts.

Haddon Street is based on hit shows such as EastEnders and Coronation Street but it's a lot more light-hearted, with zombies known to turn up once in a while.

In the Olympic special, the story centres on the efforts of two characters trying to get to the games and the tale has proved a hit with Short Cuts, Buckinghamshire's own celebration of short films and film making.

As a result the comedy will be shown at a special competition screening along with other finalists.

Paul Payne, a learning support worker with the Great Holm based group, said that everyone was 'really excited'.

He said: "We're even more pleased as we didn't make it at another film festival.

Movie makers: Some of the stars of Haddon Street

"The group wants to put the work out there and not keep it closeted.

"I don't think we realised how big time this is, some of the other finalists are about war and Africa, but ours has fart jokes."

He added some of the shooting takes places in the local area but 'green screen filming' allows for other locations as 'there's only so much you can do in Great Holm'.

Seven people are involved in the Olympic special and writing scripts is always a joint effort.

"We start with a seed, improvise and let it take its natural course," Mr Payne said.

"We're working on a murder mystery at the moment but don't know who the murderer is."

Haddon Projects is run by MacIntyre, a national charity that provides services for over 170 disabled people in Milton Keynes.

The festival will be held on May 12 at the National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield.

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Select the **full re-tune** option. This is sometimes called 'first time installation', 'factory reset', 'default settings' or 'shipping conditions'. Do not select 'channel update' or 'add channels'.

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Blind boy, 13, is a writing champ

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A YOUNG writer from Milton Keynes has won a national competition - despite being completely blind.

Thirteen-year-old Jake Petherick, from Bletchley, entered the Express Yourself awards, run by national deaf-blind charity Sense, with a tale of adventure and bravery entitled The Story of Longee.

And he was announced as a winner at a glitzy prize-giving ceremony in London, hosted by acclaimed actress Rebecca Front, who also read out an extract from the story.

Jake was born with Norrie Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that means he is totally blind.

Asked if he is an aspiring writer, he said: "No not really, but I would love to turn the story into a short story aimed at ten-year-olds. I enjoyed writing about the adventures and would love to think other children also found it interesting."

His story tracks the adventures that ensue when a pair of North Korean children, 13-year-old Longee Ozoh and younger brother Ying, eight, who is blind, escape from their evil babysitter.

Their parents travel to England for work and the children are left in the hands of Chung-Hoo, the nasty babysitter.

He runs off with his payment, leaving the children alone, and plants a bomb in the house.

The children manage to escape and meet up with two others. After one of them falls through some floor boards they notice a large opening and half a plane - and the adventure begins.

The story was co-written with school friend Rhys Fullick, who is also blind.

Colin Anderson, publications manager at Sense, said: "The story that Jake and Rhys wrote was very well received.

"People thought it was very creative, imaginative, amusing, and scary in parts, and it was very much appreciated. People who are deaf-blind have terrific challenges with communication and expressing themselves, so the competition was created in a way to give people an avenue and a stage for doing just that, through writing, to find a voice and to be acknowledged and celebrated."

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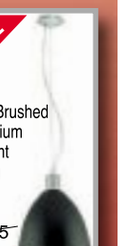
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Wrestlers can be shown the ropes

BY DAN PALMER
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A WRESTLING organisation wants to set more people on the path to becoming the next Hulk Hogan, John Cena or The Rock – and they especially want women and children.

Total Action Wrestling, who train at the Atlas Gym in Wolverton, specialise in American style 'sports entertainment' where the results of matches are all previously scripted.

The popularity of wrestling goliath World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) has never been greater in this country and the local grapplers hope to use this momentum to persuade more budding champions to enter the ring.

Youngsters and females are particularly wanted to take part in the spectacle as numbers for both are low.

As there are storylines to follow wrestling is often criticised for being 'fake' but it still requires athleticism so is great for fitness.

Performers dress up in lycra costumes but they risk injuries as they compete as good guys or bad guys.

Milton Keynes already boasts one self-made star in the form of 'The Original Andy Reign' and fully trained coaches are used by the organisation

Thirty-one-year-old Reign, real name Andrew Mobbs, from Bletchley, said: "It would be great to be able to introduce more people to the wrestling scene and encourage more trainees.

"Children from as young as 12 are able to start training to try and live their dream and more and more females are taking part.

"At the start you are taught the basics, how to fall and how to land."

Total Action put on events in the city, as well as in Hitchin and Dunstable, twice a month, with the next city show set for Woughton Leisure Centre on May 18.

This will feature British star Doug Williams who has made a name for himself across the pond with TNA Wrestling.

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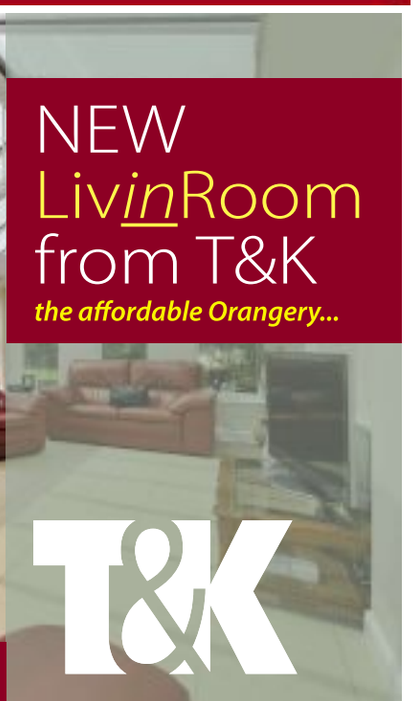

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Communication the key for new exhibit

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AN EXHIBITION dedicated to communication throughout modern history is enticing people into the central library.

And it has been hailed as the first public result of all of the city's heritage agencies working together.

The exhibition, entitled Xchange MK, looks at the history of communication and its links to the city and also celebrates the centenary of Alan Turing's birth and his code breaking activities at Bletchley Park.

It also heralds a planned major launch of the Connected Earth: MK Telephones Gallery at Milton Keynes Museum.

Don Beamish, a volunteer from MK Museum, helped to organise the exhibit.

He said the area is important to the history of communication for a number of reasons, including Wolverton railway works and the fact the railway industry was the first to employ the use of telegraphs.

He said: "The telegraph was developed alongside the railway so they are inextricably linked.

"Bletchley Park of course has big local connections.

"Telegraph engineers were trained there.

"It's a bit of a time capsule

And the display is being acknowledged as the first public culmination of work between themselves, Bletchley Park, Living Archive, City Discovery Centre and Cowper and Newton Museum.

MK Museum director Bill Griffiths said: "This is a public result of us all working together.

The exhibits at the library are on display from Milton Keynes Museum's communication collection.

On display: MK Museum volunteer Don Beamish at the exhibition

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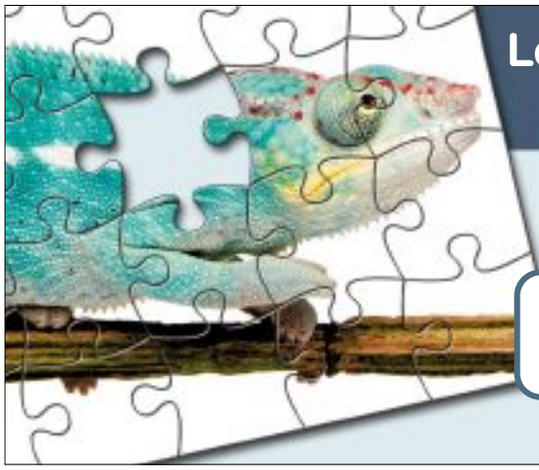

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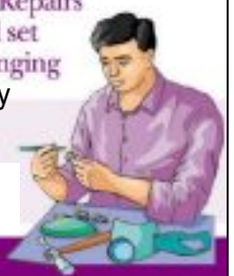

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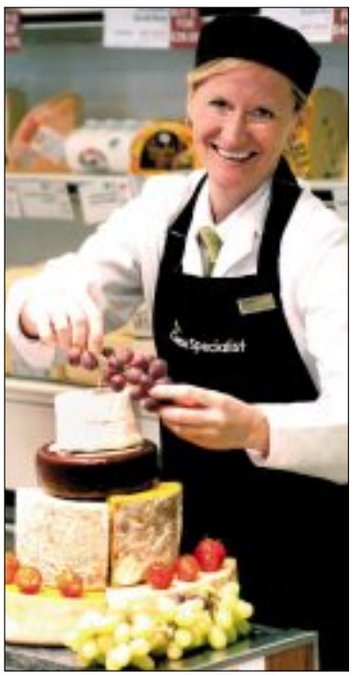

Waitrose cheese specialist Alison Brown practices making a wedding cake

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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WITH the wedding just days away it will soon be time for the bride and groom to cut the cake - and what a cake it is.

Opting out of the traditional fruit cake, Sophie Smyth and Mark Basson have gone for one made out of cheese.

The cake is being designed by Alison Brown, the cheese specialist at Waitrose in Midsummer Boulevard, as part of the £20,000 prize given away by MK NEWS.

This unique creation comprises a base made of four sections of different cheeses, another tier of three cheeses and is finished off with a soft cheese.

Guests will enjoy the cheesy feast, which will be decorated with fruit, in the evening with crackers.

Sophie said: "Waitrose were great and really open to our ideas, we wanted something a little different and something that we would love and they created that for us.

"Just like all the suppliers that we have dealt they were a pleasure to work with."

The Waitrose Entertaining website makes choosing your dream cake simple, just log on to www.waitrose.com and browse the options.

There are a number of contemporary, vintage and traditional cake designs to choose from, as well as an array of colours, tiers and favours, including fairy cakes and biscuits.

These fabulous wedding cakes are made to order and delivered to your door, or your nearest Waitrose store.

Sophie and Mark's prize also includes a reception at Horwood House, a honeymoon in Mauritius, bridal and menswear, a gift list service, flowers, a £500 outfit for the mother of the bride and a photographer.

And the fun doesn't stop after the honeymoon as the couple will enjoy a meal at Murrays restaurant at Whittlebury Hall on their first anniversary.

With such a host of brilliant prizes Mark and Sophie are sure to have a fairytale wedding and MK NEWS wishes them a very happy day.

■ Find out all about the big day in next Wednesday's MK NEWS.

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Firm sticks to top service to pick up award

BY DAN PALMER
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A CITY company is celebrating after receiving a royal seal of approval for a remarkable fifth time.

Beardow Adams may not be a household name but it is almost certain that you will have some of its products in your house right now, and the business has once again been given extra special recognition in the form of the Queen's Award for Industry.

The company makes what are called 'hot melt adhesives' – glues involved in sticking almost anything together from labels on jars and bottles to wood panels and car trim.

If you open a packet of cereal, get in your car, build a flat pack chest of drawers, swig on a soft drink or simply climb into bed then there is a great chance that Beardow Adams, which is based in Bradville, was somehow involved.

Products are developed and manufactured specifically to meet customer needs and 70 per cent of the output is exported, which is why the Queen's Award it has received is for International Trade.

Nick Beardow, the company's sales and marketing director, said: "It's a great boost for our 85 staff and something they richly deserve.

"Where we win is that our products are specifically developed for the customer's needs."

Business giants such as Coca-Cola, Nestlé and Colgate are among Beardow Adams' customers and last year the firm was named as one of the UK's 100 fastest growing.

The company has expanded into markets as far afield as Australia and South Africa and it is aiming to crack China, Japan and Korea.

"The Queen is still held in high esteem and that royal recognition counts for a great deal in many places," Mr Beardow added.

"Everyone here is really proud of the way that the things we make in Milton Keynes are sold all round the world."

Royal approval: Beardow Adams' sales and marketing director Nick Beardow with its product

Event to help get the best out of the net

INDUSTRY experts will be on hand to explain the benefits to businesses of superfast broadband that is being rolled out across the borough.

Milton Keynes Council will be hosting a high profile business event at stadiummk on Wednesday, May 30, from 9.30am to 5pm, to explain and demonstrate how faster broadband will boost economic development and increase efficiency, profit and sales.

The Next Gen Roadshow has already visited other parts of the UK, including York and Edinburgh.

Suppliers, community stakeholders, SMEs, investors and expert advisors will be under one roof to offer firms an opportunity to get some vital, bespoke advice for their own business.

To assist local businesses to get the best advice, the council is offering free entry for the first 100 companies in the SEMLEP region to register at www.regonline.co.uk/nextgenroadshows2012.

If you wish to exhibit or want to know more about Next Generation visit www.nextgenevents.co.uk.

Meanwhile, BT has completed the UK's first fibre to the premises (FTTP) installation to multiple offices at Acorn House in Midsummer Boulevard, which as well as bringing superfast broadband, will allow for high-speed WiFi in the building's cafe and meeting rooms.

Advertising company 'delighted' by growth

A SUCCESSFUL city advertising company has announced another year of growth.

Jane Hayward, managing director of WS Advertising, based in Auckland Park, Bletchley, said: "We are just delighted.

"When we started the agency only seven years ago we had no idea how successful we were going to become.

"We started the business with just four staff in a tiny office.

"It was a bit of a leap of faith, but we had enthusiasm, energy and experience.

"This year our turnover is nudging the £4million mark and has grown by over 30 per cent. I put that down to sheer hard work and effort.

"Our clients are nationwide, we span all sectors and offer a full service, which includes marketing as well as advertising solutions.

"We have identified sectors that we believe still have growth opportunities despite the economy and that definitely has worked for us.

"I am particularly proud of the education division of WS Advertising, Textbook Creative, where we are working with schools and colleges up and down the country ensuring they are represented well in print and online."

The company's recent new client wins locally include MK Primary Care Trust, Willen Hospice, Lord Grey School, Oakgrove School, Hazeley Academy and MK Community Healthcare Services.

Mrs Hayward added: "We believe in positive thinking and are proactive in our approach to business.

"As we draw to the close of our financial year I am satisfied that our growth is due to our fantastic creativity and superb service levels and I am looking forward to next year."

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Relax at new store retreat

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A NEW 'beauty retreat' will feature at a city centre retailer's new store following a major refurbishment - and will be only the fourth in the country.

The announcement was made by John Lewis Milton Keynes managing director Paul Hunt last Monday as he gave an update on thecentre:mk store's redevelopment.

The beauty retreat will be on the first floor of the store and will offer customers the chance to have treatments such as facials, manicures and pedicures. The new area will also include an espresso coffee bar and Mr Hunt said the whole area should be 'quieter and more sophisticated'.

He said: "It should be a lot more enticing for customers. Many treatments will be on a service that's booked, but it may be that for some you will be able to just come in and have something done.

"So people can take their time, be in a quiet and relaxed environment, and be right next to an espresso bar as well."

The plans form part of a huge multi-million pound refit that will see the store increase its retail space by around 20,000sq ft. Mr Hunt said the development will make it the most up-to-date John Lewis store in the country - even ahead of the chain's new Stratford outlet.

He added: "We are absolutely on plan and on time with the development and all is looking very good."

Meanwhile, shoppers at the store can now get in the mood for London 2012 with a new Olympic section. The ribbon was cut by mayor Alan Richards.

A long-term build vision

MARY Parsons of Places for People talks about the future of housing development.

Since Milton Keynes was designated a new town, the number of households has risen from 22,000 to 83,000, mainly fuelled by young adults and families.

That growth is set to continue with Government projections suggesting around 1,600 new homes will be needed each year to 2031.

This raises interesting challenges for housebuilders about how we meet future demand and how we build the homes and communities of tomorrow, particularly at a time of unprecedented economic uncertainty.

I believe it's time to start thinking a little differently where housing is concerned - a little more creatively, more flexibly in the way we not only design and build houses, but how we can help people find their way on to the property ladder and ensure that they can stay there.

Developers should be looking at the places they are building in the long-term, and the true investment value they have, and not be driven solely by short-term profits.

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Positive outlook for electric vehicles

A CAR manufacturer is still confident in the future of electric cars - despite an initially-low subscriber take-up of the city's new charging points.

Last week MK NEWS reported how Chrysler launched its new electric car, the Volt, in Milton Keynes because of the city's early involvement in the Government's Plugged in Places scheme.

As part of the initiative the city currently has 50 charging points, but so far only 23 people in the area have signed up.

But Craig Cheetham, PR manager for Chrysler UK, is not discouraged by this.

He said: "Long term, people are looking away from conventional fuel - people can't sustain it. So the growth of electric vehicles over the coming years will be significant.

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Signed and sealed: *From left*, Case Security managing director Dave Newbury, MK Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman, company director Linda Newbury and MK Dons' head of partnerships James Parkinson

Football club in safe hands with new shirt sponsors Case

THERE will be a new name on the front of MK Dons' shirts next season – Olney-based firm Case Security.

The local business has stepped up its support for the city's footballing stars by signing up to be the club's new title partner for the 2012/13 season – taking over from DoubleTree by Hilton.

It means that Case, which already provides much of the safety and security infrastructure at stadiummk, will become official shirt sponsors for the Dons' new strip next year.

It will also benefit from extensive sponsorship rights, including access to the Dons' first team squad for promotional purposes.

Managing director Dave Newbury said: "This move underlines the commitment that Linda Newbury and I have to the club and of our belief in the MK Dons project.

Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman added that Case had been an 'incredible' supporter of the club over the years. "It is fantastic to see two local companies combining for the good of Milton Keynes," he said.

"I hope this is a new chapter in what has already been a successful partnership."

Go green with centre

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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AN APPRENTICESHIP programme has been launched for greenfingered individuals.

The scheme, launched by Wyevale Woburn Sands Garden Centre in Newport Road, is the first of its kind offering people aged 16 and above a helping hand to get into the horticultural industry.

Knowledge-based learning will be accessed online while classes, which will take place at selected horticultural colleges, will develop the apprentices' practical skills which they can then put into practice at work.

Garden centre manager, Dominic Wright, said: "We are delighted to be launching an apprenticeship programme, it is a great opportunity for people to gain employment, particularly during the current economic climate."

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Sharing news on city firms

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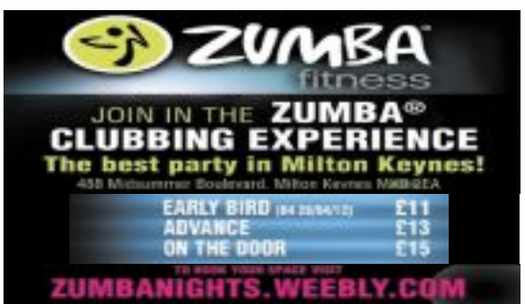
Most of the companies in the list will be known to readers but there may be one or two surprises, such as Coca-Cola, whose Cold Drinks Centre in Tongwell is responsible for the purchase, distribution and refurbishing of all Coca-Cola vending machines throughout Britain.

Other companies that readers may not be aware of are Walker Greenbank, which makes luxury interior furnishings and operates under the brand names of Sanderson, Zoffany, Harlequin and Morris & Co; Glanbia, a dairy products group; Home Retail, the parent company of Argos and Homebase; and A.G. Barr, which makes and distributes Irn Bru and is in advanced discussions to create a production and warehousing facility at Magna Park.

Banco Santander is also included as, despite being a Spanish company, it has its South Midlands and Anglian headquarters in the city. Another international company with a presence in MK is BP, which has its Fuels Value Chain and convenience retail business based in Witan Gate and provides support for the 1,200 plus service stations in the UK.



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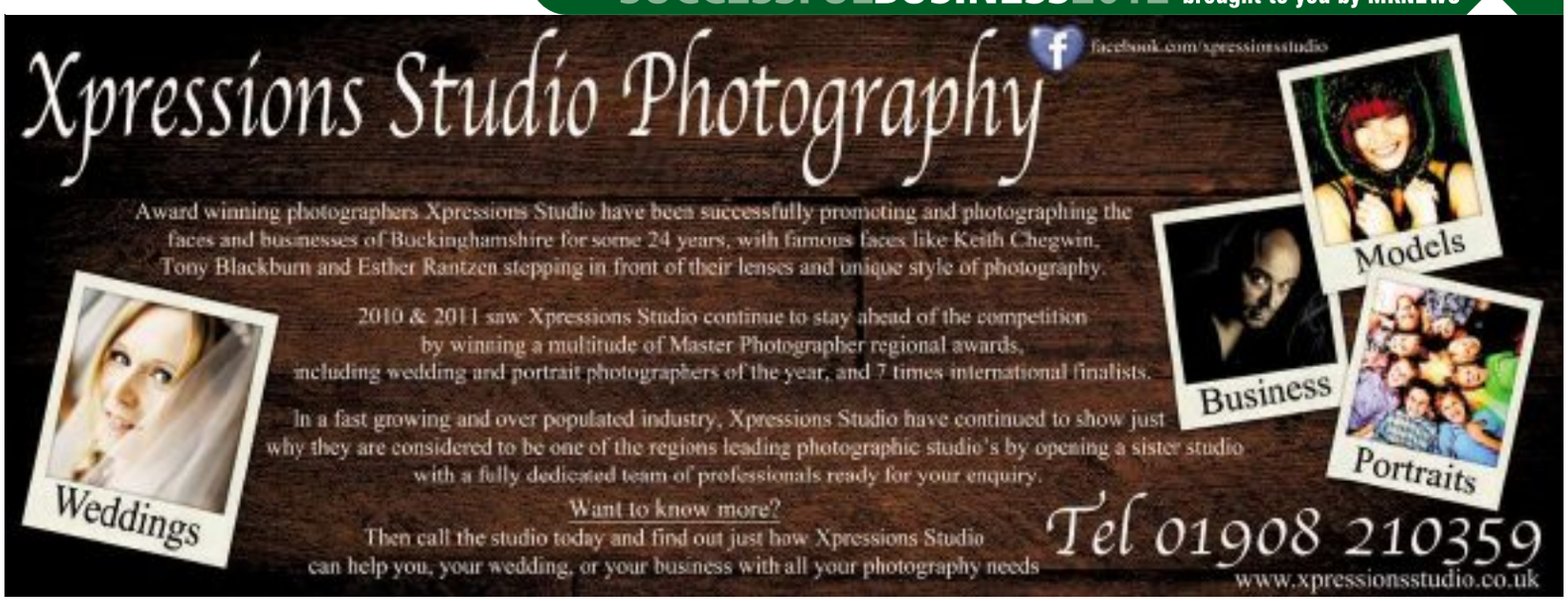

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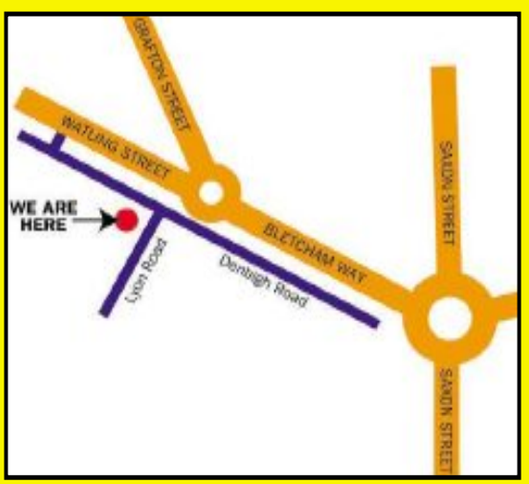

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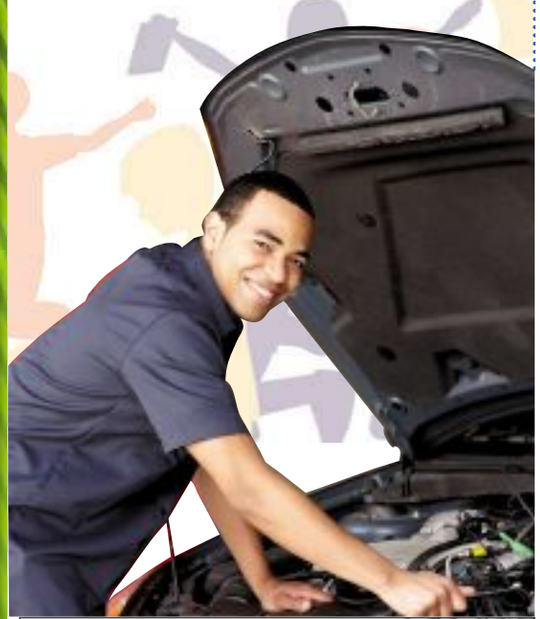

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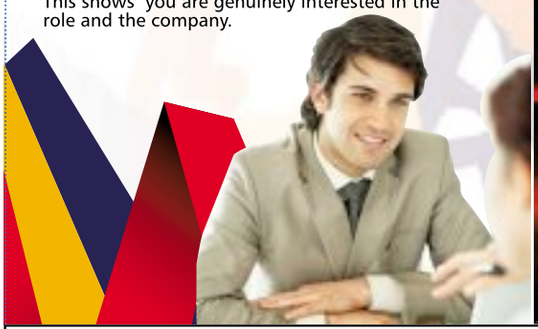

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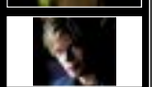

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SIMON DARNELL

CRUSH

Sleigh Bells

SO HERE we are - 700 music columns spread over the business end of 14 years and it all ends here. Yes, you read correctly, this is it.

It's nice to end with a positive review, and it's also nice to end with a song that's a bit different; this is both.

So, how to describe it, let's say you've got a load of high school kids in a gymnasium, all stamping their feet and clapping. There you go, that's the beat sorted.

Now then, let's move on to the tune - oh yeah, I should also mention that there's a heck of an echo in this gym. One stamp of the feet can reverberate around the walls for weeks, that's how echoey it is.

There's a bass and a guitar rocking out (man), but not overly so, too much noise and the echo effect would've reduced the sounds to an unintelligible racket.

That just leaves the vocals, which are performed in the standard Sleigh Bells manner. They really should be lost way beneath the tune, but somehow Alexis Krauss holds her own. Not easy, especially when you've got stamping, clapping, guitars, bass and

echoes to battle against, but she does it.

What's more, the backing vocals sound like they're being chanted by a demented cheerleader (how many do you know who'd quite happily shout 'Make you or break you?')

Still, if you're going to have a song that sounds like it was recorded during a college basketball game, it makes perfect sense to have cheerleaders as well.

All in all, this is a great little song, it does sound all-American at first, but then so do a lot of pop bands and we all know what their stuff sounds like.

This, on the other hand, has personality, drive and a feeling that the band must've been over the moon when they heard the finished version for the first time. Rightly so, too.

Well now, that's the last review done so I suppose I ought to wrap things up.

I'd like to say thanks to you and my other reader for putting up with the ramblings that've tumbled out of my head and onto the page, and thanks also to the nice people at MK NEWS (and its predecessor, Milton Keynes On Sunday) for actually printing them, it's been an honour and a pleasure to work with them.

There's been a few changes in the music industry since August 1998. When I started, people still bought CDs, MiniDiscs and cassettes, downloads were essentially non-existent, Melody Maker and Smash Hits could be found in the newsagents and Woolworths, Virgin and Our Price were still going, so to say it's been a hugely turbulent time to be a music reviewer is understating it to say the very least. I bet you the next 14 years won't be as much fun.

Right, I think that's everything. I'm down to my last 10 words so it's time to pull down the shutters. Cheerio!

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Sunday, 8pm

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To celebrate last year's 40th anniversary of Manfred Mann's Earth Band, they are visiting Milton Keynes on Sunday as part of a short series of four UK dates.

Formed in 1971 there are still two founder members in the current line-up - Manfred Mann on keyboards and guitarist Mick Rogers. They are joined by Steve Kinch on bass, Jimmy Copley on drums and vocalist Robert Hart, notable for being a former member of Bad Company and The Jones Gang.

For the last few years the Earth Band has toured extensively in Germany, Austria and the rest of Europe, but UK concert dates are very rare.

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ALBERT HAMMOND

Monday, 8pm

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Many of his most beloved songs such as It Never Rains in Southern California, The Air That I Breathe and When I Need You have become hits multiple times with various artists, decade after decade.

Albert's achievements were officially rewarded in 2000, when he received the OBE from the Queen, and in 2008 he was inducted into the Songwriters' Hall of Fame, taking his place alongside Paul McCartney, Cole Porter and Burt Bacharach.

He is appearing at The Stables as the second gig in an eight-date UK tour and is sure to wow the crowd with some of his timeless classics.

Albert's songs have repeatedly topped the international pop, R&B, country, adult contemporary and Latin charts, sometimes simultaneously, and artists who have recorded his songs are undoubtedly some of the greatest of our time, including Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Elton John, Joe Cocker, Diana Ross, Johnny Cash, Celine Dion, KD Lang, Julio Iglesias and Josh Groban.

He will be supported on the evening by Lotte Mullan.

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Also on the bill are Maidallica, a tribute to both Iron Maiden and Metallica, plus The Strange Doors - a city-based Doors tribute. In April they performed for free at London's famous The 100 Club in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Also confirmed across the main and acoustic rooms are RSI, 2 Sick Monkeys, All Against Nothing and No Hot Ashes, while comedians will also be performing in the main bar.

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Paul-Michael Jones (Johnny) Emily Holt (Baby) and Charlotte Gooch (Penny) in Dirty Dancing

STOP press! Theatre critics don't know everything.

When Dirty Dancing first hit the London stage in 2004 they suggested that the stage adaptation was a pale imitation of the film, which starred Jennifer Grey and the late Patrick Swayze.

Audiences across the world took not one jot of notice. They liked it. A lot.

It is the summer of 1963 in America and Frances 'Baby' Houseman, a nice Jewish girl from a well-to-do family, is holidaying at Kellerman's resort – a kind of upmarket Butlin's in New York state.

A real daddy's girl, Baby is about to take a short but very intensive course in growing up from the resort's handsome dance pro, Johnny Castle.

When Penny Johnson, Johnny's regular partner, falls pregnant and has to seek out a back-street abortion, Baby steps into Penny's dancing shoes.

For millions of women, cue the most lip-smacking, spine-tingling day-dream of all – goofy kid in sneakers gets swept up by brooding hunk in black who, though he has a reputation for being mad, bad and dangerous to know, is actually strong and sensitive; and most of all he can dance!

Dirty Dancing is a dance musical; the ultimate feel-good, romantic adventure.

Emily Holt, as Baby, makes the journey from self-conscious teenager with two left feet to self-confident young dancing queen with real sensitivity and just enough of a struggle to make the transformation believable.

Paul-Michael Jones has a harder job on his hands (with his talent for dancing, his feet have no problem). First of all he is a natural blonde.

It may seem ridiculously superficial but Johnny Castle really does have to come across as the mysterious man in black. Hair dye doesn't quite do the trick. And 25 years on, Patrick Swayze is still one magnetic act to beat.

But, from the moment that Charlotte Gooch, as Penny, performs the first 'Dirty Dance'– a kind of rumba with added spice – it's 'Strictly', eat your heart out. Penny and Johnny are sex on legs – and, in the case of Charlotte Gooch, what legs!

Small wonder then, that when the mousey little kid gets to dance in Penny's place, all those Dirty Dancing Devotees in the audience who identify with Baby rise up as one and whoop, cheer and wolf-whistle the place down.

So when Johnny, having been fired from Kellerman's, bursts back into the auditorium and leaps up onto stage to declare "No-one puts Baby in the corner!" all hell breaks loose. And when the moment arrives for Johnny to sweep Baby above his head in the most famous dance lift of all time, there is nothing less than enthusiastic uproar.

Of course you'll have to suspend any lingering remnants of disbelief but, for pure escapist entertainment, you can't beat Dirty Dancing.

Judy Riley

■ Dirty Dancing will be at Milton Keynes Theatre until May 26.

Tickets cost between £10 and 48.50 from 0844 871 7652, or www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fees apply).

For the full review visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

MK GALLERY

MK GALLERY'S PROJECT SPACE EXHIBITION: STATION X

Until May 27

STATION X, MK Gallery's Project Space exhibition during May, offers a multi-sensory insight into the derelict buildings of Bletchley Park, (otherwise known as Station X), the home of the World War Two code-breakers, and arguably one of Britain's most important historical sites.

The exhibition is the result of a unique collaboration between installation artist Maya Ramsay, sound artist Caroline Devine, photographer Rachael Marshall and film maker Luke Williams.

Together they provide a contemporary interpretation of Station X, by documenting the visual and aural histories imbued in the very fabric of the buildings, before they are lost when planned renovation takes place.

This includes work made from surfaces lifted from the walls of the buildings, recordings of sounds produced by and within the decaying buildings, and photographic and filmed documentation of the buildings.

Eleven thousand people worked in secret at Bletchley Park during World War Two and were sworn to secrecy about their activities for the following 30 years.

In some of the buildings it appears as if the workers have just downed tools and left; a rusty coat hanger swings on a hook with a name scrawled on it and diagrams lie in a file covered in mould.

Others provide fascinating insights into what happens when nature is left to its own devices in a building for two-and-a-half decades.

The four artists needed special access to document these highly atmospheric buildings, which are usually inaccessible to the public owing to their dangerous state of repair. To realise the project, the artists endured extremely harsh conditions while working in rooms that have been unventilated and only occupied by rats and pigeons for decades. Entry is free.

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Meet in the Peace Pagoda car park, off V10 Brickhill Street. **Willen Lake North 10am Free**

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Sat 19
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Illyria Theatre presents Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. **Campbell Park 4pm Adult/£10 Child/£7 Family/£28**

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Saturday and Monday, 10.30am-4.30pm

AT THE Cowper and Newton Museum children can join in traditional garden games including croquet, quoits and a coconut shy - with prizes to be won.

They can also follow the trail around the garden at the museum in Market Place, Olney, to discover secret facts and plant their own seeds to take home.

Families can discover the history of 'teatime' and garden parties in the Georgian era and see how William Cowper and Mary Unwin would invite guests to tea.

Children can also dress up in Georgian clothing and have their own tea party.

See www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk for more details.

NATIONAL **BOWL**

DISCOVER new plants and ideas and receive advice from nursery growers at the 22nd Milton Keynes Garden and Home Show.

Nurseries from all over the UK will be exhibiting their specialist plants with new varieties to discover.

Plants on sale will include alpines, architectural plants, basket plants, bedding plants, clematis, climbers, cottage garden plants, evergreens, exotic plants, fuchsias, geraniums, hanging baskets and many more.

You can also choose from a variety of garden furniture including teak from Fry's Teak.

Add to that the diverse selection of decorative items and you'll have the best looking garden on the street.

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Also exhibiting is Jayne Anthony who can help you design your dream garden.

The show is open on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from 10am-5pm each day.

Tickets are adults £5, senior citizens £4, accompanied children under 14 free. Car parking is free.

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FILM **REVIEW**

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE (12A)

Synopsis: Marvel Comics superhero madness
Who's in it: Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo

I DEFINITELY entered this one with a touch of trepidation.

With so many superheroes to cater for – how on earth were they going to appease everyone?

Fortunately my fears were allayed as acclaimed director Joss Whedon (the man behind the likes of Alias and Firefly) has done a top-notch job in providing an epic – if a little flawed – summer blockbuster.

The film is pretty much a game of two halves. The first two-thirds is a decent three-star movie providing the difficult origin story of how The Avengers meet up via Nick Fury's (Samuel L Jackson's) SHIELD – but it's the action-packed last half an hour or so that turns into a five-star finale that makes the film.

The set up sees Loki (Tom Hiddleston) snag the invaluable energy source, the 'Tesseract' cosmic cube, from earth-defending organisation SHIELD – which already boasts Black Wixdow (Scarlett Johansson) and Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner).

This leads to Fury trying to piece together an ensemble of superheroes including Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo).

After a slow-paced first part – which could leave non-fans slightly underwhelmed – interspersed with in-fighting and back story, it really does shine as soon as the Hulk is unleashed...and he arguably steals the show.

The film gets a bit messy when Loki's army invades from the outer reaches of space as he aims to conquer the world, but Whedon does well to gel it together with some great action set-pieces and comedy touches to keep it the right side of chaotic – and he provides a thoroughly enjoyable thick slice of entertainment.

Downey Jr is exuberantly impressive once again, Ruffalo is the best Bruce Banner yet, and everyone else does what is expected (notching roughly equal screen time) – with arguably Brit actor Hiddleston being the acting pick. But whatever your reservations, when it comes down to it this is a fan's dream and there's nothing like watching Cap's shield whizz across screen, Thor's hammer wield lightning and Hawkeye provide pinpoint accuracy with bow and arrow.

As for The Hulk, it looks like Marvel has finally got it right, and in the words of Captain America as he delivers The Avengers team speech: "Hulk...smash!"

Just as Whedon has pretty much smashed it with this impressive – though not quite amazing – first Avengers effort.

8/10

Gavin Miller

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THAT TIME OF THE MONTH COMEDY

Sunday, 7pm

THIS is a birthday show for That Time of the Month who are celebrating their third year of laying on comedy shows.

Appearing will be Lee Camp (the comedian, not the Nottingham Forest and Northern Ireland goalkeeper) who is an up and coming star across the pond in America.

He is developing a reputation for 'fearless' political comedy with some calling him an heir to the crown of the late George Carlin.

Camp is also comparable to Bill Hicks, as both share disregard for big business and big politics, and he is not afraid to speak his mind on everything from abortion rights to the media.

He has both guts and integrity, attributes that have seen him described as the 'Che Guevara of comedy'.

Tickets available from www.wegottickets.com/event/163328, priced £4. Over 16s only.

Lee Camp

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Tomorrow, 7.30pm

THIS year marks the bicentenary of Dickens' birth and in recognition of this literary and cultural icon, Hotbuckle explode onto the stage with this new, innovative adaptation of one of his greatest novels.

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LITTLE BO PEEP

Saturday, 2.30pm

SING along to your favourite nursery rhymes and watch them come to life in Sea Legs Puppet Theatre's tenth anniversary show.

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WOLVERTON LIGHT ORCHESTRA - SPRING PROM CONCERT

Sunday, May 6, 7.30pm

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

GARDEN revamp with BTCV Green Gym, City Discovery Centre. An exciting project to revamp the garden in front of the farm house to its former glory. Activities will include cutting back brambles, resculpting hedges, cleaning the surrounding wall and planting new herbs. From 9.30am-1pm, meet at the centre's car park off Alston Road, Stacey Bushes roundabout on Monks Way. Free.

FRIDAY

OLIVER! by Leighton Buzzard Youth Theatre. Celebrating the 25th year of the youth theatre and the bicentenary of Charles Dickens' birth. Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre, Lake Street. Adults £8.50, concessions £6.50, call the box office on 0300 300 8125, 7pm. Also on Saturday at 2pm and 7pm.

MK PEACE and Justice Network. Talk by Dr Neville Linton of Transparency International on the Fight against Global Corruption. At 8.15pm, The Well at Willen. Free, call 01908 561365.

BRAM Taylor, The Song Loft, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford. Bram calls on a large repertoire of traditional songs, together with contemporary and humorous material, performed on acoustic guitar, duet concertina, or unaccompanied, 8.15pm, £7.

SATURDAY

TRADITIONAL May Day festival with The Parks Trust, beside the Grand Union Canal. A maypole, Morris dancing and folk music from local groups. Take a canal boat ride or buy some cheese from the cheese boat. There will be rides and stalls with an afternoon of great entertainment for all the family. Entrance is free and recommended free parking can be found along Silbury Boulevard near the cricket pavilion. From noon-5pm.

SUNDAY

EXTENDING the Platform with BTCV Railway Walk Conservation Group. Taking off topsoil along the edge of Great Linford platform to provide a greater area to walk on. From 10.30am-3pm, meet in Broadway Avenue, between Harvard Close and Snowhill Court, Great Linford.

A GENTLE Sunday Walk, Forest of Marston Vale. A walk in the country park to hear how it was set up, and a little about the surrounding area. The walk will keep to hard surfaced tracks, but have short sections of gradient up to 1:9. Call 01234 767037. Cost £1, payable on the day. Meet at reception.

RONDEAU, Woughton Leisure Centre. Live music in the bar at 1pm. Free entry, families welcome.

MONDAY

BANK holiday family fun, New Bradwell Sports Club. Fun and entertainment in aid of Willen Hospice and the air ambulance service, starting at 1.30pm on the recreational grounds next to New Bradwell Windmill. Stalls, refreshments, live bands and entertainment. Children's fancy dress competition and live football. Free entry.

THORNBOROUGH Fun Run and Ten-mile Race. A five and ten-mile race run simultaneously on a fairly challenging, hilly course on quiet country roads. Register on the day at 10am on Thornborough Village Green for the fun run. A ten-mile race entry form can be obtained from www.bucksinfo.net/tssc. Entry £7 for the ten-mile race, £5 for the fun run.

TUESDAY

WEST Bletchley Gardening Club, visit to Flaxbourne Farm, Aspley Guise. Starts 6.45pm, £6, includes refreshments. For more details e-mail jillandraymk@sky.com.

WEDNESDAY

OPEN Film Society - On Tour. TV producer Joachim returns from America to France with a band of striptease artists to whom he has promised a premiere in Paris. However on reaching Paris, Joachim's past returns to threaten their success. Old Lecture Theatre, OU, showing at 6.15 and 8.45pm, more details www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

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For informal enquiries please contact Alex Constantinides on 01908 254258.

Closing date: 20 May 2012.

Interview date: 15 June 2012.

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Closing date: 20 May 2012.

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The services on offer will focus on meeting the needs of our local community. These will be developed with the active involvement of parents and the local community to ensure we develop and enhance social cohesion.

In order to achieve our goals we are currently recruiting the following full-time posts:

Support Worker x2

£16,440 - £17,802 per annum *Ref: 40/0410*

Work with the Children's Centre core staff to support the delivery of high quality services to improve outcomes for young children and families and have a positive impact on their lives. Work in partnership with schools, pre-schools, voluntary and independent settings and other agencies to meet the needs of the children and families within the reach area.

Administration Officer

£18,453 - £20,198 per annum *Ref: 40/0411*

To establish and maintain effective administration procedures including finance monitoring, inputting data, note taking and diary management.

Outreach Worker

£23,708 - £26,276 per annum *Ref: 40/0409*

Work with Children's Centre core staff and other partner agencies on the co-ordination and delivery of outreach support services from the Children Centre targeted towards identifying and engaging with, the families of young children who are most at need, hard to reach, isolated or under-represented as service users.

Deputy Manager

£28,636 - £30,851 per annum *Ref: 40/0416*

Work with the Hub Manager as part of the Senior Leadership Team to ensure the delivery of Luton's Children's Centre strategy and deputise for the Children's Centre Hub Manager as required ensuring the smooth operation of services across the reach area.

Lead and manage the work of the Children's Centre core staff including reception/admin staff and partners to provide integrated services for families in line with the core purpose.

Support and empower families with children under 5, in order to achieve better health, education and social outcomes.

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs and click on the link to the Teaching and Schools Vacancies.

Closing date: 14 May 2012.
Interview date: w/c 28 May 2012.

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Rotheram Avenue, Luton LU1 5PP

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Early Years Leader

MPS/UPS plus TLR2

Required for September 2012

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For further details or an application form please contact the Business Manager on 01582 723430 or email: st.margaret.of.scotland.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 14 May 2012 at 9.00am. **Ref: 40/0406**
Interview date: w/c 21 May 2012.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools. Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

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2x Team leaders with a core subject responsibility with TLR

We require two experienced, flexible, enthusiastic team leaders to run year group teams with a whole school core subject responsibility. You should be imaginative, passionate about learning and able to motivate your team in order to give our children the best possible experience.

Closing date: Monday 14th May 2012.
Interviews will be held week commencing 21st May 2012

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.
Applications can be downloaded from our website www.queensparkacademy.co.uk or alternatively please contact Julie Petty (office manager) on 01234 352901.

Queens Park Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the criminal records bureau.

REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL

Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2NU
Telephone: 01525 404462
NOR: 1,400 (420 Sixth Form) 13 – 18 Mixed Comprehensive

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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Please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: Wednesday 9th May, 2012

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, 86% of students gain 5A* - C grades at GCSE (72% including Maths and English). Over the last 3 years our Value Added Score has been very high peaking at 1030 in 2009 with a rolling average of 1018. 'A' Level results are also very good with 57% of passes at 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99.7%. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to University. This year 4 students got into Oxbridge and our Sixth Form results were graded as "excellent". The school had an excellent OFSTED Report in 2008 and was graded as "OUTSTANDING". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Closing date: 14 May 2012.

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Christchurch Court is a progressive provider of high quality rehabilitation for adults following an acquired brain injury or neurological condition. The company is going through a period of rapid growth and we are seeking to recruit the following:

Rehabilitation Assistants – Days, Nights and Bank Staff
A & B Grades - £6.58 - £7.48/hour

The successful candidates will be willing to join our committed and experienced teams. The role will involve carrying out rehabilitation programmes with an emphasis on community access. Experience in a health care related field is desirable, but a full training package will ensure skills are established and developed. Candidates need to have good communication skills and will be required to work shifts.

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2 days a week (including weekend work) - £7/hour

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These posts are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure the expense of which will be met by the successful candidates and refunded after 6 months continuous employment.

If you feel excited by these opportunities then we would love to hear from you. Please download an application pack from the website www.christchurchcourt.co.uk or alternatively call 01234 261993 and ask for an application pack.

Closing date is Friday 11th May 2012.

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REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL

and Community College
Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2NU
Telephone: 01525 404462
NOR: 1,400 (420 Sixth Form) 13 – 18 Mixed Comprehensive

DRAMA TEACHER

Required for September 2012

A Drama Teacher is required for September, 2012; applications from NQTs or experienced staff are welcome. The successful candidate will be well qualified, keen and enthusiastic and will join a team of dedicated teachers.

Ability to teach 'A' Level Drama will be an advantage but not essential. The ability to offer a second subject would also be an advantage.

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com.

A laptop computer will be loaned to the successful candidate. The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: Tuesday 15th May, 2012

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'Living, Learning and Growing Together With Jesus'

St Gregory's Catholic Middle School is a popular, inclusive and over-subscribed school. Applications are invited from candidates who will:
- Be supportive of our Catholic Ethos
- Provide outstanding lessons that inspire and extend our children
- Raise the educational achievements of all in Key Stages 2 and 3

St Gregory's is an active partner in the Federation of Bedford Catholic Schools and this is an exciting opportunity to join us in the next phase of school development.

SUBJECT LEADER SCIENCE (MPS + TLR 2B)

Required for September 2012 (following promotion of previous post holder) an inspirational and highly motivated Subject Leader to join a team of highly committed teachers.

Applications are invited from outstanding candidates who have a proven record of achieving excellent student outcomes.

The successful candidate will also develop curriculum links with St Thomas More Teaching School.

TEACHER OF MFL (FRENCH) (MPS)

Required for September 2012 (following retirement of our much valued present post holder) an enthusiastic high calibre teacher who has exceptional subject knowledge with the vision and ability to further raise the achievement of pupils in the school.

TEACHER OF MUSIC (MATERNITY COVER) (MPS) Part Time 0.4 FTE (2 Days)

Required as soon as possible an enthusiastic high calibre teacher who has exceptional subject knowledge with the vision and ability to further raise the achievement of pupils in the school.

Further Information and application forms are available from our website or by emailing the school. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 12.00 noon

Interviews: To be advised

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB check.

Lincroft School Academy Federation of North Bedfordshire Schools

OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS - OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Arising from the growth of the School, Lincroft in Oakley Village, Bedford, invites applications for a number of leadership and main scale opportunities.

There are 800 pupils on roll in our very successful and popular school, which provides for an outstanding curriculum at key stages 2 and 3. The students engage fantastically in lessons and their behaviour for learning is exemplary.

The successful candidates will be honours graduates, outstanding middle years, primary or secondary teachers/ leaders, teaching their specialist subject within Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 and based in one of our 3 middle schools. These exciting, full-time, permanent posts are available from September 2012. Lincroft is federated with Sharnbrook Upper, Harrold Priory and Margaret Beaufort middle schools in the Academy Federation of North Bedfordshire Schools.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The successful applicant will be a well-qualified graduate and an excellent teacher. You will provide strong and very effective subject leadership and contribute to strategic leadership across the Academy Federation.

This will be achieved through partnership with Sharnbrook Upper School and the established lead practitioners and subject leaders in the middle schools.

The head of department opportunities may also provide for academy-wide leadership. The TLR allowance for subject leaders is dependent upon experience as applications are welcome from experienced, established heads of department interested in the potential of working in a setting with 1700 middle school pupils.

- Head of English
- Head of Mathematics
- Head of Science
- Head of Religious Education
- Head of Drama
- Head of Music
- Head of Modern Languages

MAIN SCALE OPPORTUNITIES

The successful applicants will be well-qualified graduates, excellent and motivated specialist teachers, committed to our values. You will encourage our hard-working pupils to achieve at the very highest levels and foster a deep interest in their learning. The positions would also suit a well-qualified primary teacher, interested in teaching a specialist subject in Key Stage 3.

We would be particularly interested in applications that show a strong desire to teach a second subject in combination, including ICT. Consideration will also be given for part-time appointments.

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Mathematics
- Teacher of English
- Primary, Generalist Teacher
- Teacher of ICT
- Teacher of Modern Languages
- Teacher of Business Studies & Enterprise

Candidates are most welcome to discuss the posts with the Senior Leadership Team and we would be happy to meet with you at any time during the school day or evening.

For an appointment and an application pack, which includes the job description, person specification and our Safeguarding Children policy, please contact Mrs Wickersham, PA to the Executive Headteacher, Station Road, Oakley, Bedford MK43 7RE. Telephone: 01234 822147. Facsimile: 01234 825923. Email: admin@lincroft.beds.sch.uk

Alternatively, an information pack is available from the School website www.lincroftschool.co.uk

The closing date is Thursday, 3rd May 2012
with interviews being held on the 9th -11th May 2012.

The Academy Federation is committed to the protection and safety of its pupils.
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Closing date: midday on Monday 14 May.

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Closing date: 14 May 2012. **Ref: 12/0208**

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Closing date Friday 11th May 2012.
Interview date w/c
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Closing date: 18 May, 2012

Academy Federation of North Bedfordshire Schools

Sharnbrook Upper School, part of the Academy Federation of North Bedfordshire Schools, is a consistently high achieving and 'outstanding' school (Ofsted 2009), and if you have energy and a passion for your subject that will inspire our students then we would like to hear from you for the following posts.

Head of Geography

- required for September 2012. Post includes TLR 1.1

A dynamic and creative teacher of geography is required to lead a very strong department of 5 specialist geographers. Geography achieves considerable success at GCSE (16 groups), AS/A2 level (6 groups) and AS/A2 World Development (4 groups). Fieldwork, both in the UK and overseas is an important feature of all courses. The department was awarded 'National Centre of Excellence' status for geography in September 2011.

The department has a reputation for innovative practice with staff involved in initiatives at local and national levels and internationally. It is active in both the Geographical Association and Royal Geographical Society.

The department has its own dedicated suite of rooms including ICT facilities.

We are looking to recruit a dynamic and innovative leader to build on our 'National Centre of Excellence' status and ensure that learning through geography continues to make a significant and wide-ranging contribution to the education of our students. We would like to hear from you if you are an outstanding Geography Teacher and a good team player with energy and a passion for your subject. There will be opportunities to teach across the full range of courses including A level. Opportunities for further professional and career development are a key feature of working at Sharnbrook Upper School.

Teacher of Religious Studies

- required for September 2012

A dynamic and creative teacher of Religious Studies is required to join a strong department of 5 specialist teachers who deliver the Religious Studies programme as a core subject within the school.

We follow a philosophy and applied ethics programme which incorporates elements of PSHE and citizenship. All students study the GCSE Full Course in Philosophy and Ethics (AQA) from Year 9 through Years 10 and 11. We also offer an AS/A-level course in the (OCR) Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics, which is a popular choice amongst students.

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Further information and a teaching application form can be found on our website. To apply, please download the application form and send with a covering letter to:
Carolyn Richardson, HR Manager.
Email: crichardson@sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk
Closing date for applications: Friday 11th May 2012
Interview dates for both posts:
Week commencing Monday 14th May 2012

Applicants will be subject to references and CRB clearance. Sharnbrook Upper School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Wootton Upper School, Hall End Road, Wootton, Bedford. MK43 9HT.

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Closing date: 5pm on 11th May 2012
Interviews: W/C 21st May 2012
Please email antoinette.leslie@victimsupport.org.uk for an application pack and further details.
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Closing date for applications: Monday 21 May
Interviews week commencing: Monday 28 May

58/60 Shakespeare Road, Bedford MK40 2DL
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Closing Date: 3.00 pm Monday, 14th May 2012

Application forms only will be accepted - please do not send in CVs.

The Grove, Newport Pagnell, Bucks MK16 0BJ - Headteacher: Mrs S Carbert
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The appointed teacher will be a member of the School Leadership Team and lead on a particular strand of school improvement.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for applications: **Tuesday 8th May 2012**
Interviews: **Monday 14th May 2012**

An Application Pack is available to download from our website – www.putnoeprimaryschool.co.ukPlease contact the school office for further details-

Putnoe Primary School Church Lane Bedford MK41 0DH 01234 303400
putnoeprimary@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk

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Victim Support is the national charity helping over 1.5 million people affected by crime every year. We are looking for an outstanding person to join our team.

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YOS Victim Contact Officer (RJ)

Based in Luton. 37.5 hours per week - £19,036 pa plus 5% employers pension contribution.

You will ensure there is a systematic victim perspective in relation to work with young people who offend, particularly in regard to implementing restorative justice measures. The post holder will receive referrals, case management supervision and managerial oversight from the YOS Service Manager. Experience of working with vulnerable people or victims and working within a multi-agency environment is essential. Flexibility to work daytime, some evenings and occasional weekends to facilitate victims, young people and carers to participate in restorative justice interventions is also needed.

Closing date: 5pm on 4th May 2012
Interviews: W/C 14th May 2012

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The Radcliffe School

Aylesbury Street West, Wolverton,
Milton Keynes MK12 5BT
Telephone: 01908 682 222 Fax: 01908 682 200
Headteacher: John O'Donnell

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LEVEL 1 TEACHING ASSISTANT – 2 POSTS

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We require two Level 1 Teaching Assistants to work within the school's new Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) from September 2012. The ARP is an environment for young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders and a range of communication disorders. Previous classroom experience would be advantageous but not essential as training will be provided. Experience of working with pupils with ASD is desirable.

If you are a team player with a flexible approach and a positive, can-do attitude, and would like to find out more about this position, please go to www.radcliffeschool.org.uk to download information about the post and an application form. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday 16 May 2012.**

We are committed to enabling all staff to receive ongoing, high quality and effective CPD and we are currently working towards achieving the CPD Mark.

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Central Bedfordshire Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All employers will carry out enhanced CRB checks on all staff and volunteers.

Training Opportunities

Drop in sessions

If you would like further information about working with children, young people, entry level training course details or qualifications come along to our drop in sessions:

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Flitwick Library	Monday 14th May 2012	10.00 – 11.30 hours

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For more information, please contact us on 0300 300 8131 or email us at CBLDC@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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LEVEL 1 TEACHING ASSISTANT

£9,699.47 per annum
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We require a Level 1 Teaching Assistant to join our busy school from September 2012, to work one to one with a specific student. Previous classroom experience would be advantageous but not essential as training will be provided. Experience of working with complex needs is desirable.

If you are a team player with a flexible approach and a positive, can-do attitude, and would like to find out more about this position, please go to www.radcliffeschool.org.uk to download information about the post and an application form. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday 16 May 2012.**

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Cranfield
Bedfordshire
Number on roll 274
Tel; 01234 750261
Headteacher: Joanna Farbon; BA (Hons) PGCE

Acting Headteacher

Required for September 2012 (L14-L16)

We are seeking an inspirational Acting Headteacher to help guide the school whilst the current Headteacher is on maternity leave. The post is for two terms: Autumn 2012 and Spring 2013.

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If you are interested in the above post, please contact us **asap**. Sarah Brown, Chair of Governors, is available for informal discussions and you are very welcome to tour the school.

To apply, please contact the school for further information on 01234 750261 or e-mail cranfield@cbc.beds.sch.uk

The full details of the post are on our website on www.cranfieldchurchofenglandacademy.co.uk

Applications will be made by completing the application form included in the pack and by completing a covering letter.

Cranfield Church of England Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB check. We follow safer recruiting procedures.

Closing date: 16th May 2012 12noon **Interviews: 23rd May 2012**

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The French Department is a strong one, with seven full and part-time teachers of French supported by one full-time French Language assistant. Resources are excellent and examination results are good. For further details on the requirements of the post please see the Job Description and Person Specification and Subject and Role Summary which can be found on our website.

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There should be a willingness to participate in and contribute to the School's extensive co-curricular programme.

Closing date for applications is mid-day on 9 May 2012

Interviews will be held on 15 May 2012

Further details of the post and an application form can be downloaded from our website: www.bedmod.co.uk or requested by email from:

personnel@bedmod.co.uk

Completed applications are to be returned to:

The HR Officer
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane
Bedford MK41 7NT

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MINISTERIUM TUUM IMPLE

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Communication Support Worker

Salary: St Paul's Range 3 (£20,233-£22,691)
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To support the learning of pupils with hearing impairment needs within the classroom. The person appointed will have a good working knowledge of BSL to a standard of level 2 or upwards. The hours of work are from 8.45am until 2.45pm on Monday and Friday and 3.35pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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We wish to appoint a person, who will be a practising Catholic, to this dual, full-time and permanent role at St Paul's. The post will involve chaplaincy work to develop opportunities for spiritual growth and worship in the school, and supporting individual pupils to help raise their attainment. Successful candidates will join strong chaplaincy and pastoral teams in this thriving Catholic community.

REGISTERED NURSE

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 4-5 (£22,117 - £27,584)
(Pro rata £9,747- £12,156)
Actual salary point will be dependant on knowledge & experience
20 hours per week, 38 weeks per year (Term time only).

Sharing the position with another Nurse, you will be responsible for delivering the health related agenda across the school whilst providing students and staff with high quality Medical and Administrative support

REGISTERED NURSE WITH YOUNG ADULT PSYCHIATRIC EXPERIENCE

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 5-6 (£24,563 - £30,999)
(Pro rata £16,239- £20,493)
Actual salary point will be dependant on knowledge & experience
30 hours per week, 38 weeks per year (Term time only).

Sharing the position with another Nurse, you will be responsible for delivering the health related agenda across the school whilst providing students and staff with high quality Medical and Administrative support. In addition, you will work with the Pastoral Manager and Chaplaincy Team in supporting pupils with emotional and challenging psychological needs.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Friday 18 May 2012.

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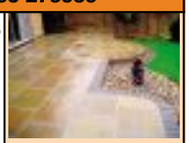

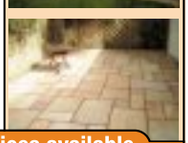

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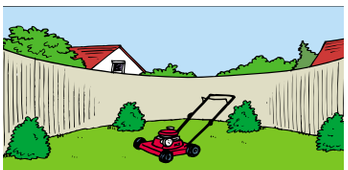

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to establish a pedestrian crossing under section 23(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act).

The type of crossing will be a **Zebra** pedestrian crossing, the construction of which will be carried out in accordance with the manner prescribed by regulations under section 25 of the Act.

The Zebra crossing will be located on Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The crossing will commence from a point approximately 52.6 metres north of its junction with Buckingham Road, continuing for a distance of approximately 3.2 metres in a north-easterly direction. The centre point of the crossing will be at a point approximately 54.2 metres north of its junction with Buckingham Road. The width of the crossing will be 3.2 metres and the length will run from the north-western kerbline to the south-eastern kerbline.

Representations about the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing** to the Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Milton Keynes Council, PO Box 111, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HG **to be received** by 23 May 2012 quoting reference BAS-P&E-5203-1932. Any representations received will be taken into consideration before the implementation of the scheme.

There will be a Notice incorporating a map showing the location of this crossing on display at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes and at the site itself from 2 May 2012.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 2 May 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PARTS OF BUCKINGHAM ROAD, SHERWOOD DRIVE AND WATER EATON ROAD, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable re-surfacing works to be carried out on parts of the roads, including roundabouts, along Buckingham Road, Sherwood Drive and Water Eaton Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of Buckingham Road, Bletchley from its junction with the V7 Saxon Street to its junction with Church Green Road, including the roundabouts at those junctions; that part of Sherwood Drive, Bletchley from its junction with Buckingham Road to its junction with the southern entrance to Milton Keynes College, including the roundabout at that junction, and Water Eaton Road, Bletchley from its junction with Buckingham Road (including the roundabout) to its junction with Wellington Place. It is anticipated that there will be overnight closures on the above roads on 15, 16, 17 and 18 May 2012, which will take place between the hours of 8.00 pm and 6.00 am every night.

Whilst the above closures are in effect, vehicles should proceed along the alternative routes as follows:-

Eastbound from Water Eaton Road to Buckingham Road and Central Bletchley via Duncombe Street;

Westbound from Water Eaton Road to Buckingham Road via Duncombe Street, the V7 Saxon Street, the V6 Watling Street, the H8 Standing Way and Buckingham Road;

Northbound from Water Eaton Road to Sherwood Drive and Old Bletchley (Milton Keynes College & Bletchley Railway Station) via Duncombe Street, the V7 Saxon Street, the V6 Watling Street, the H8 Standing Way, Buckingham Road, Rickley Lane, Whalley Drive and Sherwood Drive;

Westbound from the Brunel Centre roundabout to Water Eaton Road via Duncombe Street;

Westbound from the Brunel Centre roundabout to Buckingham Road and West Bletchley via Duncombe Street, the V7 Saxon Street, the V6 Watling Street, the H8 Standing Way and Buckingham Road;

Westbound from the Brunel Centre roundabout to Sherwood Drive and Old Bletchley (Milton Keynes College and Bletchley Railway Station) via Duncombe Street, the V7 Saxon Street, the V6 Watling Street, the H8 Standing Way and Buckingham Road;

Eastbound from Buckingham Road to Water Eaton Road via Church Green Road, Rickley Lane, Whalley Drive, Whaddon Way, the V7 Saxon Street, the V6 Watling Street and Duncombe Street;

Eastbound from Buckingham Road to Sherwood Drive and Old Bletchley (Milton Keynes College and Bletchley Railway Station) via Church Green Road, Rickley Lane, Whalley Drive and Sherwood Drive;

Eastbound from Buckingham Road to Central Bletchley via Church Green Road, Rickley Lane, Whalley Drive, Whaddon Way, the V7 Saxon Street and the V6 Watling Street.

The alternative routes will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and advance information signs will be placed at either end of the lengths of roads to be closed a few days before the works are due to take place. All owners/occupiers of adjacent residential properties and commercial premises will be notified of the closures in writing by the applicant in advance.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles wherever possible. Buses will be given access through the closed roads between the hours of 8.00 pm and 10.00 pm.

The Order will come into operation on 15 May 2012 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 2 May 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (REAR ACCESS ROAD (PART), BETWEEN STRATFORD ROAD and CHURCH STREET WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 2nd May 2012, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of number 18 Stratford Road, Wolverton and Church Street, Wolverton from its junction with Radcliffe Street for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The Council is satisfied that this temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, works to install a new water connection to the water main. It is anticipated the temporary closure will be from Tuesday 8th May 2012 until Friday 10th May 2012, inclusive. The alternative route for traffic will be to proceed via Radcliffe Street and Church Street and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The Order will come into operation on Tuesday 8th May 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 2nd May 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BERKELEY CLOSE, HIGH STREET, LEASIDE AND WESTSIDE LANE (PARTS), STOKE GOLDINGTON) (TEMPORARY WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 2nd May 2012, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because of the likelihood of danger to the public and in the interests of safety and as a means of enhancing greater visibility for pedestrians from traffic whilst the annual Stoke Goldington Steam Fair event is set up and takes place. The following no waiting at any time restrictions for vehicles will be in effect on the dates and at the times shown below and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs and no waiting cones between Monday 7th May 2012 and Monday 14th May 2012, inclusive.

1. No waiting at any time restrictions, when the no waiting cones are displayed, from Monday 7th May 2012 and Monday 14th May 2012 along the following lengths of road within Stoke Goldington:-
   a) Westside Lane, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a westerly direction;
   b) High Street, along both sides from a point outside The Lamb Public House for a distance of approximately 150 metres in a southerly direction;
   c) Leaside, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction.
2. No waiting at any time restrictions, when the no waiting cones are displayed, between the hours of 9.00am and 7.00pm on Saturday 12th May 2012 and Sunday 13th May 2012 along the following lengths of road within Stoke Goldington:-
   a) High Street, along both sides from its junction with Malting Close to its junction with Bakers Close (except the length of road outside the local shop at 20-22 High Street);
   b) Berkeley Close, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a westerly direction.
   c) Westside Lane, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a westerly direction.
   d) Leaside, along both sides from its junction with the High Street for a distance of approximately 15 metres in an easterly direction.
3. No waiting at any time restrictions, when the no waiting cones are displayed, between the hours of 12.30pm and 7.00pm on Saturday 12th May 2012 and Sunday 13th May 2012 along the following length of road:-
   a) High Street, Stoke Goldington, along the eastern kerbline directly adjacent to the local shop at 20-22 High Street.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs and no waiting cones.

The Order will come into operation on the 7th May 2012 and will continue in force until the likelihood of danger to the public has been removed.

Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 2nd May 2012

NOTICE OF HEARING
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine Milton Keynes Council (Bridleway No.15, Milton Keynes Village) Public Path Diversion Order 2008 and will attend at:

Room 2, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK93EJ
On Wednesday 30 May 2012 at 10.00am

To hold a hearing into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications will be to divert the public bridleway running from a point at grid reference OSGR SP 488898 238522 running in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 265 metres to a point at OSGR SP 488810 238760, to a line running from a point at grid reference OSGR SP 488898 238522 in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 91 metres to a point at OSGR SP 488986 238538, then in a northerly direction to a point at OSGR SP 488958 238674, continuing in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 258 metres to a point at OSGR SP 488930 238799, then in a westerly direction to a point at OSGR SP 488893 238790 continuing in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 122 metres to a point at OSGR SP 488810 238760. The new route will have a width throughout of 3 metres.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at the Council's offices at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ between 9am and 5pm on any working day. Telephone: 01908 252225.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/Y0435/4/1

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Jean McEntee, Room 4/05, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Tel: 0117 372 6353 Email: jean.mcentee@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/00680/FUL	Single storey front extension at 43 High Street, Great Linford.
12/00693/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension at 35 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford.
12/00702/FUL	Change of use from (use class A1) shops to (use class A2) office at 25 High Street, North Crawley.
12/00715/ADV	Advertisement consent for 15 fascia signs and 73 other signs at Tesco, Stratford Road, Wolverton.
12/00771/FUL	Erection of a two storey side extension and addition of two new roof windows to rear elevation at 47 Northampton Road, Lavendon.
12/00739/FUL	Re-roof existing building in slate, remove chimney and render rear of property (retrospective) at 9 Paggs Court, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell.
12/00827/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce one Leylandii tree (T1), fell one Leylandii tree (T2) and trim and lift by 30% one Cherry (T3) at 1 Russell Street, Woburn Sands.
12/00859/FUL	Erection of wall and fencing to front at 56 Vicarage Road, Bradwell.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/00607/FUL	Single storey rear extension, rear dormer and replacement windows at Home Farm, Watling Street, Little Brickhill.
12/00608/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension, rear dormer and replacement windows at Home Farm, Watling Street, Little Brickhill.
12/00699/LBC	Listed building consent to carry out structural and non-structural repairs to damaged areas; to re-decorate areas within the property at ground, first and attic levels; to re-point some mortar joints; to provide a structural repair to relieving arch and to provide lateral restraint to front elevation at 15 New Street, Stony Stratford.
12/00718/LBC	Listed building consent to undertake internal improvement and alteration works to room 2 (retrospective) and 11 in Block H, The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley.
12/00763/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 4 x fascia signs, 2 x hanging signs, 4 x hoardings and 1 x flood light fitting at Bull Hotel, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford.
12/00772/LBC	Refurbishment and repairs to Clock Tower including new steel bracing, repairs to brickwork and stonework, re-instatement of decorative pan tiles, replacing of lead flashing, window repairs to Hut 1, Hut 11, the bungalow and the cottages, repairs to bricks, gutters, rain water goods, iron gates, garden walls and refurbishment of leaded lantern light in mansion at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley.
12/00796/LBC	Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant listed building permission 05/00858/LBC in order to extend the time limit for implementation for a further three years for the conversion of farm buildings to residential at Yew Tree Farm, Stoke Goldington Road, Ravenstone.
12/00797/FUL	Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission 05/00859/FUL in order to extend the time limit for implementation for a further three years for the conversion of farm buildings to residential at Yew Tree Farm, Stoke Goldington Road, Ravenstone.
12/00885/FUL	Conversion of existing buildings to 2 dwellings with associated amenity and parking provision (re-submission of 12/00028/FUL) at Clare Stables, Vicarage Road, Stony Stratford.
12/00886/LBC	Listed building consent for the conversion of existing buildings to 2 dwellings with associated amenity and parking provision (re-submission of 12/00029/LBC) at Clare Stables, Vicarage Road, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
12/00549/FUL	Replacement and new plant and machinery for the roof of the John Lewis department store at John Lewis Partnership, 11 Field Walk, Central Milton Keynes.
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
12/00468/FUL	Replacement of existing metal framed windows with UPVC at 8 Wavendon House Drive, Wavendon.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

12/00733/REM	Reserved matters pursuant to planning permission 09/00618/OUTEIS for layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for 64 dwellings and associated works at Noon Layer Drive (Middleton West), Oakgrove.
12/00767/FUL	Variation of conditions 1, 6 and 7 of planning permission 06/01203/FUL for changes to car/coach parking and indication of proposed landscaping areas at Sikh Temple, Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall.

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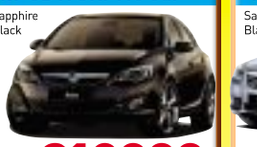

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Play-off travel to only cost fans five pounds

DONS fans will be able to travel to the away leg of the play-off clash with Huddersfield for only five pounds.

The club are hoping for a bumper turn-out from visiting supporters at the Galpharm Stadium to help roar Karl Robinson's men into a Wembley final so have decided to subsidise the cost of a coach trip to the game.

It is still unclear whether the away leg will take place first (on Saturday, May 12, kick-off 12.30pm) or second (Tuesday, May 15, kick-off 7.45pm) but fans will be able to take advantage of the discount regardless of how the fixtures fall.

Huddersfield's ground holds a capacity of 24,500 and Dons have been given an initial allocation of 2,000 tickets for the clash, which can be extend if required.

If the game takes place on the Saturday coaches will leave stadiummk at 7.30am for the early kick-off, and if the trip is on the Tuesday they will leave at 2.30pm.

Robinson's side only need a point at home against Walsall on Saturday to confirm a fourth place finish in League One, which will mean the home leg at stadiummk will be played second.

Tickets for both legs are now on sale and fans who know that they can attend both, whichever way round they are played, are encouraged to buy theirs at the earliest opportunity.

Season ticket holders at stadiummk will have until Tuesday, at which point the semi-final details will have been confirmed, to secure their seat.

Tickets and coaches can be booked by calling 01908 622900 and there's more information at www.mkdons.com.

Meanwhile, the club has also confirmed its first pre-season friendly ahead of the new season, which Robinson will be hoping to use as preparation for life in the Championship.

Dons will square off against relegated Conference side Kettering Town on July 28.

The game will take place at at Nene Park, the former home of Rushden and Diamonds.

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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

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6	Stevenage	45	9	10	3	33	23	8	9	6	33	21	22	70	
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24	Rochdale	45	6	8	9	30	39	2	6	14	16	40	-33	38	R

LEAGUE ONE PLAY-OFF DATES

5TH V 4TH - FIRST LEG - SAT MAY 12, 12.30PM
4TH V 5TH - SECOND LEG - TUE MAY 15, 7.45PM

6TH V 3RD - FIRST LEG - FRI MAY 11, 7.45PM
3RD V 6TH - SECOND LEG - MON MAY 14, 7.45PM

FINAL - WEMBLEY STADIUM - SAT MAY 26, 3PM

Dale dispatched in calm before storm

Youngster Brendan Galloway on the ball at Spotland

DONS are hoping that there will be a two division gap between themselves and Rochdale next season.

With John Coleman's side already relegated and the city outfit looking ahead to their play-off games with Huddersfield, there was very much an end-of-season feel about Saturday's game.

In the end, Karl Robinson's Dons picked up a 2-1 victory without having to break a sweat – ideal preparation for the much more important tests to come.

Already doomed Rochdale perhaps struggled to find any motivation for this fixture and Dons, who had enjoyed a less strenuous build-up than usual for the game, neither wanted or needed to reach full tempo.

"We've been giving them a rest this week," Robinson said.

"The players have had four days off so we knew they wouldn't be at their best.

"It's been a planning week of preparation for the play-offs coming up and I don't think we got out of second gear really."

Robinson made four changes for the game and his side made the perfect start by finding an opening goal after three minutes.

Winger Jay O'Shea, one of those who had been restored to the side, found space inside the penalty area before slotting a finish through the legs of home keeper Matt Edwards.

It was O'Shea who came closest to scoring again in a first half which came close to resembling a training session, with Dons easing through the game and Rochdale struggling to find any sort of urgency.

This time the Irishman bent a lovely curler towards goal which beat a stranded Edwards but not the frame of the crossbar.

Another of Robinson's changes was 16-year-old midfielder Brendan Galloway, who did not look out of place on his full league debut.

His inclusion was part of Robinson's 'project' for the game and the manager described the youngster as a 'tremendous talent' following the contest.

The schoolboy was eventually replaced after 55 minutes by leading scorer Dean Bowditch who got himself on the scoresheet just seconds after being introduced.

O'Shea swept the ball out to the substitute who finished emphatically under Edwards to double the lead with his first few touches.

Dale attempted to show some fight but Dons held firm to prevent their hosts from mounting an end of season flourish.

However, Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro somehow missed an open goal from close up before making amends with a late consolation.

Dons were perhaps guilty of being a bit too lapse at the back as the striker found room to slot into the corner on the turn.

Keeper David Martin was said to be fuming at losing another clean sheet, but Dons held on to record a fourth straight victory.

They were exceptionally comfortable and when Dons fans – many of them wearing fancy dress – started a conga it summed up the carnival atmosphere which surrounded the club's last away game of the season.

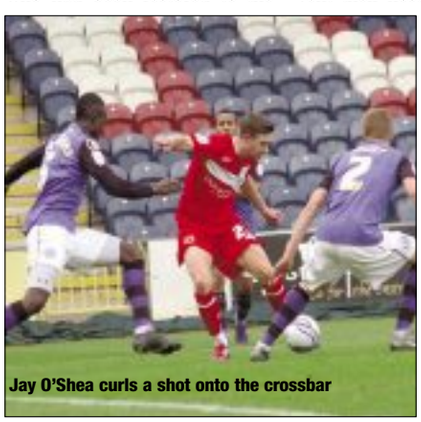
This was the calm before the storm and when Huddersfield come calling things will be much more serious.

Robinson said: "I thought it was a professional performance as many teams have come here and struggled.

"The pitch was fantastic and it was a good all round day.

"That was us playing within ourselves and if the game had challenged us a bit more we would have upped the tempo.

"It wasn't a great spectacle but it was an accomplished performance."



Jay O'Shea curls a shot onto the crossbar

Karl Robinson, Shaun Williams and Jabo Ibehre thank the visiting supporters

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MK MARATHON

MORE than 3,000 athletes took to the city streets for the Milton Keynes Marathon on Sunday – braving horrendous weather conditions as they did so.

Dave Mitchinson from the Mizuno Race Team came home first in a time of two hours, 41 minutes and 54 seconds as torrential rain lashed down on the course.

The first woman back was Yvette Grice, running for Bodyworks Xtc Tri Store, in a time of three hours and 35 seconds.

Liz Yelling, a Commonwealth Games bronze medallist in the marathon, started the race which finished inside stadiummk.

Leading home Milton Keynes Athletic Club in 35th place was Jane Ovington, who took the veteran title and was the second overall female in a creditable three hours, one minute and 46 seconds.

Not too far behind in 46th was Mark Dowson in three hours, four minutes and three seconds.

ATHLETICS

GREG Rutherford started his season in fine style by jumping an Olympic A-Standard long jump distance of 8.20m at the Chula Vista Invitational in California.

The Milton Keynes Athletic Club member will be looking to build up his form ahead of London 2012 this summer.

Fellow Olympic hopeful Chris Clarke also enjoyed a good time of it in the USA, at the Steve Scott Invitational Meeting in Irvine, California.

Clarke won both the 200m and 400m, setting a new club record in the 200 with a time of 20.65s and 46.41s for the 400m.

There was more good news with the announcement that club thrower Thomas Green has been selected to represent Great Britain at the IPC European Championships in the Netherlands from in June.

However, there was a mixed result for the older generation as they started their campaign to retain the Eastern Veteran's League title at Stevenage with second place finishes for both the men's and women's teams but a narrow combined win over Fairlands Valley Spartans.

The men lost out to old rivals Bedford and County by 21 points and the women fell to Fairlands by 15 but neither opponent could match the combined strength of the club.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

STONY Stratford clinched the Premier League title in the New City Heating MK Sunday League thanks to an emphatic 11-0 win against OU.

The goals came from White (5), Wing (3), Cole, J Richardson and Sear. This victory has seen them move out of reach of closest challengers Willen.

In the only other game Kings Arms were awarded their fixture against Loughton Athletic.

The Division One title could be decided this weekend with leaders Olney Town entertaining Stoke Hammond.

A win for Olney should clinch the title as their goal difference over second place AFC Santander, who are on the same number of points, is currently 33 goals better.

CYCLING

THE Milton Keynes Cyclists Touring Club (CTC) is hosting the Three Counties L'Eroica 100m kilometres challenge ride in aid of Willen Hospice and the Cyclists Defence Fund on Sunday, June 10.

All cyclists are eligible to take part although riders of pre 1980 cycles would be especially welcome to get involved.

The on road route follows country roads through Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, starting and finishing at the Salcey Forest Cafe, Salcey Forest, Hartwell, Northamptonshire. An entry fee of £5 is payable on the day by 9.45am for a 10am start.

Riders will receive a route sheet and map and refreshments will be available at the start, finish and en route at cafes, pubs and shops. Ample car parking is available at the start.

Further information about the ride is available from Phil Ashbourn on 01908 698063, or at www.mkctc.org.uk.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

THE newly founded MK Wolves put in a performance to be proud of in their first match, despite going down 20-6 in a friendly clash against Hemel Hempstead's second team.

In a tight and physical match-up, prop Ian Gray scored the club's historic first try in the losing effort.

This was a remarkable achievement as Gray hadn't even picked up a rugby ball in his life until about four weeks ago.

The football fan had originally came along merely to support a friend at the club's initial open evening in March.

Considering Hemel are a well-established side with players who will be playing semi-professional rugby next year, Wolves stood up well in their first outing, keeping a tight defence.

They can now look forward to their East Division league opener with Bedford Tigers, who they will host at Emerson Valley on Saturday with a 2.30pm kick off.

Player coach Scott Aspinall is looking forward to getting stuck in to Bedford.

He said: "We need to have two high quality training sessions this week with all those who have signed on with the club and any others who want to give rugby league a try.

"We have to build upon the momentum of the game against Hemel when we showed to their players and the spectators that we are a quality side.

"We have to respect our opposition in the shape of the Tigers as they have a proud history behind them."

A number of the Wolves players are familiar with Bedford having played for them before the city side were formed this year, including Aspinall who was their top try scorer and young player of the year in 2010.

The coach has also made an appearance for England Lionhearts – the national representative side which is made up of amateur players.

Bedford lost their opening game of the season on Saturday to another new club, North Herts Crusaders, so will be looking to bounce back with a win against the Wolves.

The fledgling club are hoping for a good crowd to celebrate their first ever league fixture, and admission is free.

RUGBY UNION

OLNEY Colts have a cup final to look forward to at Franklin's Gardens, the home of rugby union giants Northampton Saints.

The young players saw off Old Northamptonians 26-13 at home in the semi-final of the Oceanic Cup.

They were in fine form in picking up the win, which sets up a final against Towcester on May 9.

SWIMMING

THE City of Milton Keynes Swim Club (CMKSC) hosted their level two Spring Open meet at Bletchley Leisure Centre over the weekend.

More than 50 clubs from all over the country attended with more than 400 age group swimmers aiming for qualification to the upcoming regional championships.

The meet was an amazing success with many swimmers achieving their personal goals.

CMKSC now have their highest number of qualifiers ever for the regional competition which is held at the 50m pool in Crawley during May and June.

At the end of each day some of the top performers were invited into a 'skins' competition.

Eight swimmers competed over a number of events with the last placed competitor being knocked out in each round.

Isobel Jones won the female competition for CMKSC with team mate Matt Masters coming out on top in the men's event.

Both won their finals and also collected the highest amount of prize money by winning earlier rounds.

CMKSC will be holding their level three end of season meet at the end of June when Bletchley will host another top quality competition.

CRICKET

RAIN wiped out the scheduled first games in this season's Four Counties League.

The city's local sides will instead try to start the season this weekend.

Stony Stratford's clash at Woolaston in the Northants Cricket League was also abandoned because of the weather.

It means that they remain top of the table after two weeks of the season.

ICE HOCKEY

Poole's back to lead Lightning once more

LIGHTNING player coach Nick Poole has confirmed that he will lead another trophy charge next season.

The player coach exclusively revealed to MK SPORT a fortnight ago that he wants silverware in 2012/13 after the club missed out on all three trophies this time around.

Now, the Canadian has confirmed his commitment by signing on for another season at Planet Ice.

This will be his 11th season in the city and he is already looking ahead to the next campaign.

He said: "I'm delighted to be back.

"This club means a lot to me, it's a privilege to play and coach here and we are all determined to get our hands on some silverware this coming season.

"Last season was frustrating as I felt we could have done something in the cup and play-offs, but we just came up a little short.

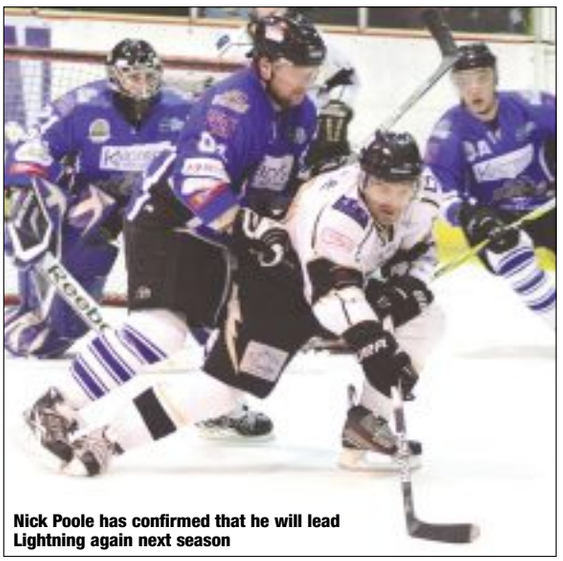
"There are one or two areas where we need to improve, and we're already looking to address those.

"We have a fantastic group of players here at the Lightning and with just one or two tweaks, I feel that next season's roster will definitely be in real contention for silverware."

Under Poole's leadership Lightning have become one of the English Premier League's most successful sides, winning seven trophies during their decade in the division.

General Manager Vito Rausa added: "Over the last decade Nick has been pivotal to the club's many successes, and it's difficult to imagine Lightning without him playing some part in it.

"It's not a given that any player will automatically return for another season so we're thrilled that Nick will once again be leading the team.



Nick Poole has confirmed that he will lead Lightning again next season

"In the season just ended Nick was as influential on the ice as ever and reminded everyone what an outstanding playmaker he is, with more assists than anyone else on the team and our third-highest points scorer overall.

"And it's thanks to Nick that we're consistently able to sign and retain players of such a high quality, year in and year out – we know players come to Lightning for the quality of coaching he provides and for the team ethos he works so hard to keep."

Meanwhile, skipper Adam Carr has also signed on for his tenth season, which will see him awarded a testimonial.

And Poole has already made his first new signing of the summer, bringing in 6'5" forward Chris Wiggins from Basingstoke Bison.

Lightning hope that the 24-year-old 225lb man will increase both the side's physical strength and goal tally.

Poole said: "Chris is a player that I tried to sign two summers ago, so I'm thrilled to be bringing him to MK for the coming season.

"He is a unique player in Britain who combines immense physical stature with strong skating ability.

"While he's never going to be an out-and-out scorer I believe given a bit of confidence he can become almost unplayable."

TOURING CARS

Disastrous weekend will help Nash 'build character'

WORLD Touring Cars racer James Nash has vowed to bounce back after an awful weekend on the track in Slovakia.

The city driver, *pictured*, had a terrible time of it at the fourth round of the series and left empty handed after things had appeared to start so positively.

Nash, the reigning British Touring Cars Independents' Champion, was celebrating a season's best fourth place in qualifying, and two championship points, when things started to go wrong.

The Team Aon driver's Ford Focus failed a ride height check on one corner only of the car following a component breakage, and even though the failure had not allowed Nash a performance advantage he was demoted ten places on the starting grid.

Nash, who was second only to defending world champion Yvan Muller after the morning's warm-up practice sessions, still held out hope of salvaging some points from his lower starting position.

But these aspirations were dashed on the first lap of race one, when he was hit by another car which caused him to crash out.

Unfortunately the damage to his Focus was so severe that it could not be repaired in time for the second race.

"Today has been what people call character building," Nash said.

"We've been quick in all the practice and qualifying sessions this weekend, which is very encouraging.

"It is a shame therefore that we haven't been able to demonstrate the real progress we've made with the Ford Focus in the races where it really counts."

"Racing is always scrappy on the first lap but the penalty put us back into the thick of the action.

"I actually made quite a good start and got up to eighth but then I got hit by Tiago Monteiro's Seat and the impact was enough to push me into the gravel which cut through a brake line."

Nash was taken to a medical centre after the impact but was declared to be fine.

He said: "Fortunately, there is only a week until the next races in Hungary and I'll be more determined than ever there to make up for today's disappointment."

HOCKEY

Ladies win gives them league championship

MILTON Keynes Hockey Club has a league title and promotion to celebrate.

The Ladies 1st team secured top spot in the Trysports Three Counties League Premier 1 thanks to a 4-0 victory over Oxford University 2nds at Woughton on the Green.

It means that they will play in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey league Division 3A for next season and caps off a fine campaign which also featured a spot in the final of the Investec Women's Hockey Vase.

With a large number of club members supporting from the sidelines thanks to the prospect of promotion, Milton Keynes started the game against Oxford Uni strongly, eager to put pressure on the visiting defence right from the whistle.

MK built attack after attack, giving the defence little time to get the ball out, and their pressure was soon rewarded with the opening goal.

Charlotte Batty grabbed the all important strike, scoring from close range following a goal mouth scramble to make it 1-0 and set MK on their way.

Oxford began to increase their pace and intensity but the MK defence of Sarah Lowry, Dee Davis, Steph Bates and Laura Browne worked hard as a unit to deny them chances and goal keeper Laura Pellington-Woodrow made some fine saves to maintain MKs lead.

After weathering this storm player of the match Gemma Meredith calmly fired the second goal home following a fine pass from Helen Cooke.

Returning to the pitch after a half time team talk from coach, Sue Sutton, MK knew all they had to do was maintain the score line and the league title would be theirs.

Some fine attacking play and excellent work in midfield from Lou Reynolds, Issy Morgan and Jess Barnes, linking well with forwards Ellie Walsh and Kate Cash, enabled MK to create chance after chance on goal and a third duly arrived.

A well placed pass from Lou Reynolds through to sister and captain Sophie allowed the latter to score past the approaching Oxford Uni goal keeper.

MK came under some pressure towards the end of the game but this was dealt with calmly and efficiently

Some fine hockey down the left side of the pitch then resulted in the fourth and final goal of the game.

An excellent ball from Chrissy Little found Meredith who slotted the ball past the keeper through the smallest of gaps at the left post.

It was a victory which saw MK win the league by three points, making up in part for their defeat in the final of the Vase to Oxted.

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Training ground dream outlined by Winkelman

PETE Winkelman has revealed that Dons have big plans for a new state-of-the-art training ground.

Speaking at the club's Player of the Year awards evening on Monday night, the chairman said that an announcement could be made in the coming weeks.

Work to complete stadiummk's top tier has already begun and Mr Winkelman is looking forward to returning to a ground he believes will be 'Premier League quality' when the new football season kicks off in August.

He has also made a commitment to manager Karl Robinson about upgrading the club's training ground.

At present the team trains at Woughton on the Green but a new facility would fit perfectly with the vision the club has both on and off the pitch.

Dons are dreaming of promotion to the Championship via the play-offs and the feeling at the awards evening was that everything is already in place for football at a higher level – it's now just a case of getting there.

Midfield maestro Darren Potter was the big winner on the night, scooping three gongs including the all-important MK Dons Player of the Year, which is voted for by the club's supporters.

The 27-year-old has been a revelation since joining the club from Sheffield Wednesday this summer but he insisted that it was a team effort after he also claimed the Players' Player and Supporters Association awards.

Shaun Williams, another of Robinson's new signings this season, picked up the Football Writers' Player of the Year after a hugely impressive first season in English football, when he has been needed to play both in defence and midfield.

Goal of the season was awarded to Luke Chadwick, who put the finishing touches on an excellent team move in the 4-0 Carling Cup drubbing of Norwich.

Second-year Joel Gyasi was named the MK Dons Academy U18 Player of the Year, following an impressive season for Mike Dove's side.

Other winners on the night were Ladies Player of the Year Heather McDonnell, MKDSA Disability Player of the Year Liam Jones and MK Dons Sport and Education Trust Community Player of the Year David Martin.

Dons chairman Pete Winkelman shared a joke with fans calling themselves 'Grannies on tour' as supporters enjoyed the final away league game of the season at Rochdale on Saturday. There were high spirits after the 2-1 victory but bigger things lie around the corner. More on page 62. Picture: Andy Handley.

Robbo aims for strong finish

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DONS will play their strongest side possible on Saturday as they look to enter the play-offs with all guns blazing.

Karl Robinson's promotion chasers need just a point from the home clash with Walsall to secure fourth place in League One – and stadiummk advantage in the second leg of their play-off semi-final with Huddersfield.

But the manager will resist the temptation to rest star players for the crunch double header with the Terriers as he wants to head into the contest with Simon Grayson's team on as big a roll as possible.

Saturday's 2-1 victory against Rochdale was the fourth in a row for Dons who have gone through April undefeated, conceding just twice.

It's a run which has seen the young boss pick up another nomination for League One manager of the month, along with Charlton's Chris Powell and Sheffield Wednesday's Dave Jones.

Robinson tinkered with his line-up against already relegated Dale but it will be back to full strength for the visit of Walsall, who have now confirmed their own League One status for next season.

The manager said: "I think next week [against Walsall] I want to play as strong as I can.

"I want to lead up to the play-offs with more momentum, and start working on a couple of things.

"Rochdale was a project but Walsall is the reality of where we want to be."

After a stuttering March, when just two wins in eight ended any hopes of automatic promotion to the Championship, April's upturn in form has been most welcome.

By contrast, play-off opponents Huddersfield, who suffered a blip of their own when their automatic promotion hopes slipped away, lost three games in April and do not appear to have returned to form in the manner Dons have.

Dons have now racked up 80 points this season, beating their tally of 77 from last year, and they have also broken their goals and clean sheet records during an extremely productive campaign.

Finishing fourth would mean another improvement on last year and Dons are firmly in the driving seat to claim the position after Huddersfield slipped up against Walsall on Saturday.

Grayson's side surrendered a second half goal and could only manage a 1-1 draw, leaving them two points behind Dons in fifth with an inferior goal difference.

"Everyone wants that one place higher than last year," Robinson said.

"It would be a different set of circumstances for me as a manager having the second leg at home.

"We know at our place we can score goals at free will and it's important we get that slight advantage."

The manager was planning to spend this week scouting players in Scotland ahead of Walsall's visit.

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